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Giving Their "Stamp" Of Approval...



AGAWAM POSTMASTER Walter Ciaschini (left) and Feeding Hills Postmaster Maureen Price (right) recently presented Nancy Fay, the Agawam Public Library's Assistant Director, with a framed enlargement of the "Gone With The Wind" stamp. This enlargement is now on permanent display at the library, and the stamps themselves (which are from the 1930's "Celebrate the Century" series) are on sale at area post offices. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Art Studio "Opens" At Robinson School...



THE STUDENTS AT Robinson Park Elementary School are pleased with the fact that their school now has a fully-furnished and well-supplied artists' studio. (See story in "Education.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

New Stenciling...



GLORIA MCLELLAN (left) and ALICE SMITH work on historic stenciling inside the Captain Leonard House, which has been undergoing renovations since July. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Athletes At The Expo



ASGA MEMBERS Angelo Polumbo and Vi Presz at the Agawam Senior Center Health Expo. (See additional photos and story in "For Your Health.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Veterans' Corner...

Update On Agawam Veterans' Honor Roll

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

Most of you are aware that as part of our fundraising efforts, Honor Roll donation envelopes are being included with the Town of Agawam water bills that are being mailed to all homeowners over the next five-month period.

The first group was mailed out on October 21st and, as residents come in to pay their bills, they have been dropping off their donation envelopes or including their donation envelopes with their water bill payments and mailing them in.

We are excited to report that we have received \$515 so far. This amount, when added to our current total, gives us a grand total of \$15,539.53 toward our goal of \$75,000.

We're very proud and thankful for your generous support! I truly believe that residents of Agawam want to see this project completed as much as we do, and that together we can accomplish this as a community.

This has almost become a Town Hall project. Town Clerk Richard Theroux and his staff, Judy, Carolyn, and Doris, are happy to help us out in certifying Agawam residences for the Honor Roll AND the state veterans' cemetery.

Laurel, the Town Treasurer, and her staff, Paula, Judy, Ann Marie, Rose, and Pauline, are almost as excited as we are when they have donation envelopes received by their office to turn over to us. We appreciate their help so much!

Last, but far from least, is Charlotte, who works in the mail room. She has been so helpful in ensuring that our donation envelopes are included in the mailing of water bills.

We're grateful to Mayor Johnson, who wholly supports our project and gave us approval to send our donation envelopes with the water bills. It's this kind of enthusiastic support that will see this Honor Roll completed. We could not do it alone —

it takes a community effort!

THE NEXT ROUND OF WATER BILLS CONTAINING HONOR ROLL ENVELOPES WILL BE MAILED OUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

"K" And "L"

The following is our continuing list of veterans whose Home of Record was Agawam during their military service throughout the Korean War era, and are eligible to have their names included on the Agawam Honor Roll.

This week's list includes those veterans whose last names begin with the letters "K" and "L." If you meet the above criteria and your name or the name of your loved one is missing, please contact our office for instructions as to necessary documentation to establish eligibility. Call Veterans' Services at Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

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Ruth C. Bitzas' "Veterans' Corner" is a regular feature of The AAN...

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Melconian Announces Agawam To Receive Policing Grant

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Town of Agawam has been awarded \$48,750 to continue its successful community policing program.

The goal of the program, implemented in 1994, is to reduce crime by giving police the funds to tailor education and crime prevention programs to their individual communities.

"Both the community and the police benefit from these programs," said Melconian. "Members of the community learn how they can work with the police to reduce crime and the police become more attuned to their community's needs."

Agawam will use the money for a variety of purposes. Police will continue to be involved in community outreach programs such as DARE Resource officers in schools, meetings with senior citizens, and the Citizens Police Academy Program. Police will also increase their presence and expertise in the community with enhanced bike patrols and community police training opportunities.

The Community Policing Program has expanded from an initial participation by 34 cities and towns in fiscal year 1994 to a high of 331 for fiscal year 1999. The Commonwealth will spend \$20.16 million on the program this year.

"The Legislature continues to invest tax dollars in crime prevention because we believe this initiative results in long-term savings for society," Melconian said. "We spend less on court costs, prisons, and rehabilitations, but most importantly, our communities are safer."

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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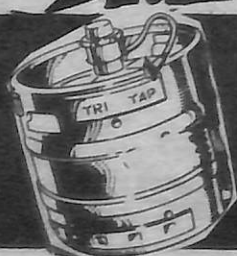
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Guest Editorial...

Public And Business Support Is Needed For A Worthwhile Cause — The Agawam Helmet Fund

by Cindy Sanford Taylor, Vice President
Agawam Junior Women's Club

Have you ever wondered how many lives could be saved if every fire department had the latest equipment to fight smoke inhalation?

If a fire broke out in your business or your home, would you be concerned whether the fire could be stopped before you lost your most important files, an employee, a child, or a family pet? It's not the fire that's the problem.

IT'S THE SMOKE. For example, picture a day when the fog is so thick that you can't see more than 100 feet in front of you. Now picture the fog as being black and swirling around your face.

Now, your 10-foot visibility factor is zero. Then, picture trying to find something or, worse yet, someone in the dark, in a large building, where there is no point of reference. You are looking for bodies and the only way you can find them is by groping in the dark.

When a firefighter asks which room your child is in, do you know for certain your child hasn't wandered from that room? Do you want to take a chance that your child didn't crawl behind a chair or under a dresser or bed? Remember, you are sending a firefighter into a totally dark room to

find your lost child. If you have ever been in a fire or witnessed one, you know where I'm coming from.

Firefighters not only look for your loved ones, but they seek hot spots by chopping through walls, closets, ceilings, and floor joists. They do this to keep the fire from spreading. However, the damage done to your home is beyond belief.

While the building is burning, the firefighter's own life is in jeopardy. Beams fall. Electrical wires stretch across rooms, unseen. Doors fall and fire spurts forth in uncontrollable rage. Windows break and shattered glass is scattered throughout the building, causing risk to a firefighter crawling around on his hands and knees searching, always searching, for human life.

The latest technology available to firefighters will allow a firefighter to find a victim in dense smoke. Does Agawam have this technology? NO? Why not? The cost is too high.

This new technology is a thermal imaging camera. It sounds simple, but what it can do is save lives and property. It provides SIGHT to the firefighter through the thickest black smoke im-

aginable. The cost is \$22,000.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is coordinating their efforts with the Agawam Fire Department in acquiring the funds to purchase this one camera.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Don't ask, 'Why me?' A fire can start anywhere from many different sources; electrical outlets, fireplaces, carelessness with matches, ovens, and overturned candles. It only takes a few dollars from every one in Agawam and Feeding Hills to make this technology a reality.

We are asking each family to donate a minimum of \$1 for every member in the family and businesses to donate \$1 for every employee in their company. Please support our local firefighters. We urge you to make your check out today.

The check should be made payable to the AGAWAM HELMET FUND, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.



Letters To The Editor

Riverside Park Is Good To Town's Service Organizations

To The Editor:

The recent "Hallowscream" at Riverside Park gave several service organizations in the area an opportunity to raise funds to help their many service projects.

The Agawam Rotary Club worked the "Pumpkin Patch" on three weekends. Everyone who volunteered had great satisfaction seeing the children express their artistic abilities at decorating the pumpkins.

The Park furnished all the supplies, including the pumpkins and personnel to be sure all our needs were taken care of. The people we worked with were very knowledgeable and friendly.

As a result of the Park's generosity, the Agawam Rotary Club donated \$1,250 to the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry. We will also be able to make several other sizeable contributions to other worthy organizations.

Riverside Park is a good neighbor, and we appreciate all they are doing to help Agawam.

Charles Heyl, President
Agawam Rotary Club

Melconian Thanks Volunteers Who Helped With Campaign

To The Editor:

As we come to the end of the election season, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the people who volunteered in elections across Western Massachusetts.

Each election season, their energy and effort make the political process work. Specifically, I want to thank the people who volunteered for my campaign. They were great. They stood out in the cold holding signs, stuffed bags, and did all the unpleasant but necessary tasks that make a political campaign effective.

But volunteers are critical in campaigns for more than these everyday tasks. No candidate can be everywhere at once. Without people who donate their time and expertise, the messages that are vitally important to the voters of Massachusetts, from education to HMO reform, would not be heard. Volunteers also provide support and credibility for these issues. When people distribute flyers or organize events, they deliver an unspoken message that they believe that an issue or candidate is worth a sacrifice. This idea embodies the best of politics.

Every time someone dedicates an hour of his or her time to answer phones or knock on doors, it reminds me of how I gained my position and who helped me get there. It also reminds me that

public service is a privilege, a trust, and a responsibility.

Once again, I thank all of my dedicated volunteers and I pledge to continue to be worthy of their support.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Melconian
Assistant Majority Leader
Massachusetts Senate

TPCPAC Treasurer Responds To Bitzas' Guest Editorial

To The Editor:

It was with great interest that the TPCPAC membership read the latest guest editorial by City Councilor George Bitzas. We not only take issue with much of what he wrote, but are very much upset and enraged by his misinformation as well as his curious disregard for those the Berkshire Power people have attempted to bully, libel, or destroy. Let us clarify the matter.

That Councilor Bitzas will lend us credit for the courage of our convictions is a beginning. In that, he stands head and shoulders above our harshest critics. We continue to respect his views as he respects ours. We have always maintained that he, beyond question, is the nicest, kindest, and most well-intentioned threat to this town that we have ever known.

Yet, a threat to this town is precisely how we must characterize his views as expressed in his editorial. We regret that we find it necessary to rebut his points line by line in order to demonstrate exactly why his stance and attitude constitute a threat. Our rebuttal follows:

1) Unenforceable "regulations" can hardly be deemed at all "excellent." What Councilor Bitzas praises are mere recommendations, toothless recommendations that had absolutely no means of being enforced in a political climate favorable to this industry.

2) The so-called eight-day limitation, as Councilor Bitzas might recall from the public hearing, had never been agreed to by the Berkshire Power

people. They made it clear that they would agree to such only with caveats and exceptions creating loopholes large enough to render the motion absurd. Any such provision in this political climate would have been appealed and overturned with certainty.

3) Proposed road and delivery restrictions could only have met genuine enforcement by taxing our town coffers. The sheer cost in terms of police human resources and overtime alone would unquestionably have proven extravagant.

4) To suggest that the State Fire Marshal's office would overrule the denial, when it was clear that the City Council's concerns were hardly limited to merely the tank's safety, remains a premature gamble and a misinterpretation of that office's purview. We believe that office has power to nullify City Council action in only restricted instances.

5) Construction of the tank was not at issue. Berkshire Power can involve itself in financial speculation as it pleases. Approval to build is not approval to fill. That the Berkshire Power people jumped the gun in no way nullifies the City Council's own purview, nor does it obligate our City Council to buckle under pressure.

6) We happen to be shocked and astonished at what Councilor Bitzas presumes we "know." We do have faith in the City Council president's arguments, and we do have reason to believe that common sense and logic are very much on his side.

7) Although TPCPAC can hardly speak for the CCBA, those of us involved in the CCBA have long understood our view to be the majority view. Yet we could hardly recognize ourselves in the warped and distorted portrait painted by Councilor Bitzas. It is our belief that he refers to perhaps a half-dozen individuals who presently reject affiliation with that organ.

8) We continue to find ourselves increasingly frustrated, flabbergasted, and incensed by the continual efforts of this City Councilor to blur the distinction between opposition and opportunism, and contend that one represents the other. We view this as employment of the Big Lie technique.

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and contend that Councilor Bitzas is attempting to mislead the public. We do not appreciate it.

9) So long as the Berkshire Power people refuse to withdraw their frivolous SLAPP suits intended to squash dissent and abridge the First Amendment; so long as the Berkshire Power people continue to try to harass and intimidate City Councilors; so long as the Berkshire Power people refuse to renounce the practice of paper terrorism; so long as the Berkshire Power people employ union workers in attempts to cripple and destroy town businesses; so long as the Berkshire Power people refuse to be truthful and honest with our citizens and representatives; so long as Berkshire Power people would employ the state in efforts to nullify home rule; so long as Berkshire Power people continue to use Divide and Conquer tactics; and so long as the Berkshire Power people libel and/or slander people—it is impossible for people of conscience to unite with them; it is impossible for people of conscience to move beyond them; it is impossible for people of conscience to get together with them; and it is impossible for people of conscience to work together with them.

10) Wounds continually sliced open can never heal; contempt for town laws, officials, and citizens is in no way "generous"; and the Berkshire Power people have only very rarely been known to "deliver what they have promised."

We, too, have had enough. We have had more than enough. Although the power plant is beyond all doubt a "fact on the ground," we continue to believe the people involved in it have worn out their tenuous welcome.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Treasurer, TPCPAC

Flagging Of Vets' Graves Slated For November 7th

The Agawam Veterans' Council, American Legion Post 185, and VFW Post 1632 will be flagging the graves of veterans in time for the Town of Agawam's Veterans' Day observances.

The group will meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery on Saturday, November 7th at 8:00 a.m., then proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery. The smaller cemeteries will be flagged during the week.

The policy for Veterans' Day is to replace any torn or faded flags, with all flags to be replaced for the Memorial Day observance.

If anyone would like to help with the flagging, please be at the Springfield Street location at 8:00 a.m. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

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Agawam Historical Assoc. Receives Plans For Proposed Museum

On October 5th, a crucial step was taken toward the conversion of the old Elm Street fire station to a Historical Museum. Robert W. Hall, President of R W Hall Consulting Engineering, Inc., delivered to the Historical Association the structural plans necessary to obtain the necessary permits so that actual renovation can begin.

In receiving the plans for the Historical Association, Rick Bellico proudly announced that Hall Engineering was contributing the engineering work necessary in the preparation of the plans as his company's voluntary service contribution to the Museum project.

In 1996, the town made available to the Historical Association the old Elm Street firehouse for use as a museum on the condition that it raise the necessary funds, or in kind services, to accomplish the renovations. Currently, the Association is about \$4,000 short of its \$30,000 fundraising goal. Unless construction begins this year, there is a danger that some of the money pledged will no longer be available. The receipt of the plans is, therefore, a critical step in this process.

Bellico was most appreciative of Hall Engineering's generous contribution. "We got a thoroughly professional job which, if billed to us at standard commercial rates, would put a huge dent in the cash funds we collected so far. Quite obviously, this more than qualifies Hall Engineering for inclusion in the 'Chief's Circle' category of major contributor and a listing of the plaque which will become a permanent part of the new museum."

Bob Hall said that the new museum is needed and will become an important asset to the community. "We live in Agawam and my business is in Agawam and I am pleased that my company could make a contribution to the success of the new museum."

Rusty Jenks, former Agawam Fire Chief and a Director of the Historical Association, said it was only through the generosity and hard work of so many like Bob Hall that we are where we are today with this project. John Zebryk said that the Historical Association also wished to acknowledge and thank Bob Frasco and Tony Albro for their help in preparing preliminary data so as to make these final plans possible.

Those interested in contributing to the Museum building fund or participating in Historical Association programs can call 568-9147, ext. 224 or 786-7329. Before the end of 1998, the remaining \$4,000 still needs to be raised.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on the proposal of Sunday openings for Package Stores on the Sundays following Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION
ROBERT VANDERHOOF, CHAIRMAN
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ENGINEER BOB HALL (center) reviews final plans for the Historical Fire Museum with Association Officers John Zebryk, Vice President (left), and Rick Bellico, President (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

TOWN OF AGAWAM MASSACHUSETTS BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Agawam invites sealed bids for (3) three used confection ovens, sold individually, as is. Ovens may be seen at the Agawam Sr. High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please mail or deliver said Bids to the Building Maintenance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001, by Monday, 12:00 noon, November 9, 1998, clearly marked "Confection Ovens." For further information please call (413) 821-0506.

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Agawam Historical Assoc. Surpasses 2/3 Of Fundraising Goal

The Agawam Historical Association is proud to announce that it has completed more than two-thirds of its fundraising and is within \$5,000 of their \$30,000 goal.

Through the generosity of the citizens of Agawam, local civic groups, and the hard work of volunteers, the Association's two-year effort to raise funds for the renovation of the former Elm Street fire station into the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum is nearing completion.

"This is the time when we especially need your support," states Historical Association President Rick Bellico. "We need just a few donors to push us over the top. We'd like construction to get underway before the snow flies."

Major donors' names will be listed on a plaque in the Museum in the following categories: **Chief's Circle** (donations of \$1,000 or more); **Captain's Society** (donations of \$500-\$999); and **Volunteer Society** (donations of \$250-\$499). Memorial contributions are also being accepted. Please send your contributions to The Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

As part of its fundraising efforts, the Association is offering a commemorative poster, notecard, and postcard featuring Adrienne Lacey's painting of the Elm Street Station, as well as two commemorative pins; a bronze depiction of the new Fire Department headquarters, and a pewter depiction of the Elm Street Station. Also available is a set of four coffee mugs featuring the Elm Street Station on one side and antique fire equipment on the reverse, an HO gauge model kit of the Elm Street Station, and an Elm Street Station birdhouse.

Items are available for purchase at the Agawam Fire Department Headquarters and the Mayor's Office at Town Hall, both on Main Street, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, or to purchase any of these items, please contact Carol or Bill Miller at 786-7329, or the Agawam Fire Department Headquarters at 786-0657.

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PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 1998 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA in regards to the proposed amendments known as TOR-98-5, to the existing Rules Governing Second Hand Motor Vehicles, under Ch. 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

Ursula Retzler

Published: November 5, 1998 Clerk of the Council

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Agawam Obituaries

Christopher J. Knight

Christopher J. Knight, 17, of Feeding Hills, a senior at Suffield Academy, died recently at home. He was a part-time employee of Riverside Park.

Born in Manchester, Connecticut, he lived here all his life. He worshipped at the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He was a four-year member of the Suffield Academy varsity soccer and golf teams, a two-year member of the JV squash and basketball teams, and a school tour guide.

He leaves his parents, James R. and Teresa J. (Iorio) Knight; a brother, Brian M. of Feeding Hills; his grandparents, Raymond and Patricia (Ward) Knight of Agawam and Mary (Condarcure) Iorio of Springfield; and his girlfriend, Lisa Before of Suffield.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, also in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Richard M. Smyth

Richard M. Smyth, 86, of Agawam, died recently at home. He was an electronic inspector for American District Telegraph in New York and New Jersey and retired in 1977.

Born in Jamaica, New York, he was raised in New York and later lived in New Jersey, before moving here in 1991. He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Whiting, New Jersey.

His wife, the former Muriel Robinson, died in 1986. He leaves three sons, Richard L. of Glendale, Arizona, Kenneth R. of Agawam, and Gregory P.; and six grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Whiting Memorial Park Cemetery in Whiting, New Jersey. Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice of Western Massachusetts, 50 Maple St., P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Luther G. Joyce

Luther G. Joyce, 89, formerly of 9 Alfred Court, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

He was a 23-year machinist for Kidder Stacy Inc. of Agawam, retiring in 1973.

Born in Abington, he was a graduate of the former Technical High School of Springfield, and had lived in Agawam since 1951.

He was a past treasurer of Machinist Union Local 221 and was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Battery D 581, an anti-aircraft artillery battalion.

While in the Rhineland, he received the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign ribbon.

His wife, the former Charlotte White, died in 1992.

He leaves a daughter, Sandra J. Fleming of Feeding Hills, and two grandsons.

The funeral was at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, followed by burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001; the Agawam Soccer Association, P.O. Box 442, Feeding Hills, MA 01030; or to the Agawam High School Track Fund, in care of Agawam High School, Agawam, MA 01001.

Robert Wodell

Robert "Moe" Wodell, 72, of 56 Taft Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

He was the 35-year owner and operator of Wodell's Used Cars until 1994. He worked previously on the Boston & Albany Railroad.

A lifelong resident, he was an Army veteran of World War II and served with the Transportation Corps on the Allied railroads in Iraq.

He belonged to the Disabled American Veterans.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Dorothy (Suffriti) Wodell; a son, Robert J. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Linda Zaza of Ormond Beach, Florida; a brother, Richard of Feeding Hills; a sister, Elizabeth Geoffrion of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Research Foundation.

Town Of Agawam Announces Veterans' Day Observances

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1998

8:00 a.m.: Veterans' graves will be flagged. Volunteers will meet at Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1998

10:00 a.m.: Feeding Hills Congregational Church will host services for Veterans' Sunday. All are welcome.

VETERANS' DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1998 CEREMONY

11:00 a.m.: Agawam Veterans' Memorial Green.

12:00 noon: Flagpole groundbreaking ceremony at South Westfield Street Cemetery. (This is Brien LaBorde's Eagle Scout Project to honor veterans of all wars.)

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Agawam Democrats Honor Salvatore Scibelli At Breakfast

On Sunday, October 25th, the Agawam Democratic Town Committee held its 1998 annual breakfast at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

The keynote speaker for this year's breakfast was U.S. Congressman Richard Neal, and the event honored the late Salvatore A. Scibelli, wife of Maureen E. (LaZazzera) Scibelli of Agawam.

Gina-Marie Letellier, President of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, provided the welcoming remarks:

"As many of you know, each year we are proud to honor a Democrat that has made significant contributions to our community and our party. This year, we are especially proud to honor one of our own as Democrat of the Year — Salvatore A. Scibelli."

Letellier continued, "From the senatorial and presidential campaigns of John F. Kennedy, to the gubernatorial campaigns of Michael Dukakis, to local elections in Agawam, 'Sal' worked diligently behind the scenes to elect Democrats for over 40 years."

"When I talked to Maureen Scibelli about doing a biography of 'Sal' for our program, she repeatedly said he was not the type who wanted or needed recognition. Whether or not 'Sal' wanted recognition, he earned it and he deserves it, and we recognize the man and his contributions with our presence today," concluded Letellier.

A graduate of Trade High School in Springfield and a U.S. Navy veteran during the Korean War era, Scibelli was active in a variety of organizations. He was a member of the Agawam Town Committee, the West Springfield/Agawam Elks, Agawam Unico, and the Agawam Democratic Committee. He was a parishioner of St. John's Church in Agawam, and was a Hampden County Deputy Sheriff.

During his long political career, Scibelli was active in the campaigns for Richard Neal, John F. Kennedy, Senator Ted Kennedy, Michael Dukakis, Senator Paul Tsongas, Francis Bellotti, State Senator Linda Melconian, and State Representatives Anthony Scibelli, Anthony Grimaldi, and Dan Keenan.

On the local level, he managed or volunteered for the campaigns of Rosemarie Sandlin, Donald Rheault, Sheriff Michael Ashe, Roy Benjamin, and Rudy Altobelli (among many others).

Scibelli and his wife Maureen had three children, Andrew J. Scibelli, Rosemary A. Saccomani, and Marissa A. Greider, as well as four grandchildren.

The 1998 Agawam Democratic Committee is comprised of the following residents:

Gina-Marie Letellier (President), Michael Tuckey (Vice-President), John J. Rioni (Treasurer), Louis R. Russo (Secretary), Rudy Altobelli, Douglas W. Bodman, Edward G. Borgatti, Edward A. Caba, Linda Chmielewski, Stanley J. Chmielewski, Gaery Costa, Joseph Counter.

Michael Delnegro, Jack Devine, Barbara B. Dunn, Thomas Ennis, Joseph F. Fitzpatrick, Cornelius K. Hannigan, Ronald A. Hebert, Teresa M. Koslozki, Mary Leahy, Thomas J. Leahy, Scott E. Letendre.

Mary V. Manning, David E. Modzeleski, Valentine R. Moreno, Mark Rondinelli, Rosemary Sandlin, Maureen L. Scibelli, Kent Servis, Richard Theroux, Paul Trimboli, Meanette Vermes, and Rebecca Wong.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 12, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Gasteyer for property located at Kanawha Avenue.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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ATTENDING THE ANNUAL BREAKFAST: Rosemary Sandlin, Gina-Marie Letellier (Agawam Democratic Committee President), Louis Russo (Committee Secretary), U.S. Congressman Richard Neal (keynote speaker), John Rioni (Committee Treasurer), Stanley Chmielewski, Scott Letendre, and Meanette Vermes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT CHEZ JOSEF: U.S. Congressman Richard Neal (keynote speaker), Registrar of Probate Thomas P. Moriarty, Jr., Registrar of Deeds Donald Ashe, Edward Caba, Donald Rheault, Robert Magovern, Gina-Marie Letellier (Agawam Democratic Committee President), and State Representative Daniel Keenan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THIS YEAR'S BREAKFAST honored the late Salvatore A. Scibelli, who worked on Democratic campaigns for over 40 years. Among those in attendance at the breakfast were his wife, Maureen, their children, and their grandchildren. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION
AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION AT THE
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MADEP RTN: 1-12056**

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP)(310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above-referenced location. A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as Tier II, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this site will be conducted by Bell Atlantic who has employed Jacques Whitford Company, Inc. (JWC) to manage response actions in accordance with the MCP (310 CMR 4.0000). M.G.L. c. 21E and the MCP provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) the Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405. To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please call the MADEP at (413) 784-1100, ext. 285 or JWC at (603) 431-4899.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 12, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Custom Building Specialists, Inc. for work to be performed on 131 Christopher Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Be Sure To Learn How To Use Wood Stoves

The use of wood stoves has significantly increased in recent years. Unfortunately, wood stove and chimney fires have also increased. Wood stoves require extra care in installing, operating, and maintaining as compared to conventional heat sources.

Use the following steps when deciding to purchase, install, and use a woodburning stove in your home:

- Purchase only wood stoves that have been listed by a recognized testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

- Contact your appropriate building official to ascertain whether a building permit is required for wood stove installation.

- Have the wood stove installed by a professional. Then have the completed installation inspected.

Once installed:

- Keep all flammable material at least three feet from the wood stove.

- Purchase a screen to place around the wood stove to prevent children and pets from being accidentally burned. Never leave children unattended in the room with the wood stove while a fire is burning.

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.

- Never use a flammable liquid to start or revive

a fire in a wood stove. Many deaths have occurred by ignoring this one safety warning.

- Never use your wood stove to burn trash.

- Creosote is the product of incomplete combustion, and creosote build-up can cause a chimney fire. Opening the air inlets or the wood stove door and allowing the wood to burn freely for 10 to 15 minutes several times a week will reduce creosote build-up.

Know the signs of a chimney fire ... a loud roar, sucking sounds, and shaking pipes. Make sure everyone knows what to do. Practice fire drills and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

If you think you have a chimney fire, call the fire department at 911 immediately. Cut off the fire's air supply by closing any intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper. Get everyone out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in metal containers. Do not put in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Ashes can retain enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet ashes to make sure they are cold.

For additional installation tips and safety procedures, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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Families

Heritage Hall Holds Christmas Bazaar...



AT HERITAGE HALL SOUTH: Priscilla Pelletier with a variety of knitted items. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THERESA BARLOW AND NANCY DOUCETTE with dolls and accessories at Heritage Hall West. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FLORENCE COTE sold raffle tickets at Heritage Hall East during the Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LAURIE HEFFNER AND BETTY BEAUCHANE had plenty of yuletide decorations at Heritage Hall North. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior Women's Club Members Attend Fall Conference

The Junior Federation of Women's Clubs held its Fall Conference on October 17, 1998 in Chelmsford, MA.

Five members from the Agawam Junior Women's Club were in attendance: Anne Woodard, President; Cindy Sanford Taylor, Vice-President; Donna Shibley, District Representative; Rosalie Dialessi, Assistant Director; and Wilma Gillan, Chairman of the Firemen's Helmet Fund.

The host of the conference was the Westford Women's Club, which welcomed everyone in attendance and enlightened them with the history of Westford when (in 1398) it was first discovered by Prince Henry Sinclair prior to the pre-Columbus exploration of 1492.

In the 1700's, iron was the industry that kept the town growing. Later, in the 1800's, carpet and yarn were produced. Immigrants were mostly from Russia, Poland, France, and England.

In the early 1900's, Westford took great pride in its apple orchards, which (to date) are slowly being replaced by clustered zoned housing.

The population is 16,500, and open space is the town's primary objective. To date, they preserved 367 acres of prime agricultural land.

The conference progressed with informative workshops to benefit the local clubs in Massachusetts. After lunch, recognition was given to the Agawam Junior Women's Club for its subscription to the "News of Kindness" magazine to a local school, and for its participation in "Vision 2000." The club's basket, entitled the "Cat's Meow," was judged to be the "most creative."

If you wish to join the Agawam Junior Women's Club, its meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam, at 7:30 p.m.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the GFWC of Massachusetts.

Open Pantry To Hold Thanksgiving Dinner At Spfld. Civic Center

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its 15th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Civic Center on November 26th.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend, and there is no admission fee. Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If a ride is needed, please call and leave a message on our voice mail (737-5337) by November 24th. The coordinators will get back to you as soon as possible.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.

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Heritage Hall Holds Its Own "CROP WALK"...



STAFF MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND RESIDENTS (pictured at left and above) at all four of Heritage Hall's buildings held their own "CROP WALK" on Columbus Day for the benefit of the Open Pantry. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

New England Antique Racers To Host Their Annual Movie Party This Sat., November 7th

New England Antique Racers will be hosting its annual Movie Party on November 7th, from 7:00-11:00 p.m., at the Dante Club in West Springfield.

In addition to vintage racing videos and film, there will be a buffet and a raffle with door prizes. Over 20 retired racing celebrities were on hand for last year's party, including Dick Watson, Bill Slater, Gene Bergin, Ted Stack, and Marvin Chase. These drivers shared stories, saw old fans, and met new fans.

NEAR president Al Fini has announced that all funds raised at this year's Movie Party will sup-

port the 1999 Hall of Fame. "We're excited," stated Fini. "Last year, the Movie Party was really enjoyable, and it raised over \$2,000, all of which went toward the inaugural Hall of Fame. Again this year, all proceeds will help to defray the cost of the Class of '99 induction."

The Nominating Committee has been reviewing a strong list of candidates, and will have the list narrowed down to the eight 1999 inductees, to be announced at the Movie Party.

Tickets to the NEAR Movie Party are \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. For advance tickets or information, contact Al Fini at 413-786-1012.

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Renee Belz And Eric Rose United In Marriage

Renee Belz and Eric Rose were united in marriage on September 19th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Osage, Iowa.

The bride's parents are Crystal and Brian Freund and Linda and Dennis Belz of Florida. The bridegroom is the son of Katharine and William Rose of Feeding Hills.

Matron of honor was DeeAnn Midlang, friend of the bride. Other bridesmaids included Katharine Belz and Jamie Freund, sisters of the bride, and Shelley Rose, sister of the groom.

Sean Rose, brother of the groom, served as best man. Other ushers included Kyle O'Connor, Michael Wondolowski, and Richard Paquette, friends of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Iowa and is presently employed by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice.

The groom is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and is employed by Baystate Medical Center as Pediatric Clinical Pharmacist.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.



MR. AND MRS. SHAWN M. SKELLY

Nicole A. Frailey Becomes Bride Of Shawn M. Skelly

The Baptist Church in Agawam was the setting for the September wedding of Nicole Ashley Frailey and Shawn Michael Skelly.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Debra Frailey of West Springfield and Mr. Lee Renaud of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Skelly of Feeding Hills.

Christina Ferrari served the bride as maid of honor. John Manzi and Brian Brunelle served the groom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is currently employed by Woronoco Savings Bank in Westfield.

Her husband is also a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed by Staples, Inc. of Springfield.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12 noon...

Holiday Baskets In Final Weeks Of Drive For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. Have you made your donation to the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Holiday Basket drive yet?

Last year, due to the overwhelming generosity of our friends — YOU! — we were able to provide meals to 54 families, and clothes and toys to 153 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate new toys or canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. The locations are Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, Sand-Castle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Coldwell Banker, and the Agawam Senior Center.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra of something for our needy friends. We are looking for the following canned and dry goods:

Canned vegetables; cranberry sauce; stuffing; cereal; cake mixes; soap/toothpaste/brush; paper goods; pasta; canned juice; prepared foods (shelf goods); soups; and canned meats (tuna, SPAM, etc.).

Also, if you wish to donate toys for children from ages one to 14, we will accept these also at the drop-off sites. If you would like to make a donation of a frozen turkey or a canned ham for a Holiday Basket, or school supplies or Agawam Theatre movie tickets as gifts for older children, please call Dee Abrams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Please remember that by purchasing one can of food or one toy, you may make a difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that you CARE can make all the difference in the world.

Blue Cross Reps. To Appear At Nov. 12th Mtg. Of A.R.E.

The Executive Board of A.R.E. (Agawam Retired Employees) has arranged to have Chris Powers and Lisa Jackson from Blue Cross in Boston as speakers at the next general meeting.

The meeting will be held on November 12th at 10:00 a.m., at the Agawam Senior Center.

The two speakers will present the membership with an overview of some of the possible new features of our medical insurance plan and answer questions and concerns. This will be an opportunity to obtain information, ask questions, and get answers from two knowledgeable people regarding our Blue Cross medical insurance options.

All retired employees of the town are invited to attend this meeting and to become a member of A.R.E.

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Agawam Chamber Members Network At Fall Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce, a not-for-profit organization representing more than 200 businesses in the Agawam/Feeding Hills/Southwick area, is dedicated to supporting business by providing programs and services that enhance business success.

The power of networking was the main topic at the recent fall breakfast. Speaker Sasha ZeBryk shared her key strategies on how to network, remember names, and make sure people you meet remember you and your business. The Chamber's quarterly breakfasts provide important networking opportunities in Agawam. By bringing people together for business-to-business networking, the Chamber offers introductions, potential leads, and marketing opportunities to help business grow, gain new customers, and increase profitability.

Mark your calendar for the Chamber's Holiday Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. at the Oaks on Friday, December 11th. Tickets are available at the Chamber. Celebrate the holidays and get ready for a successful New Year by coming to hear popular speaker Dr. Steve Sobel, who will inform, inspire, and entertain us with his perspective on "Leading a Great Life."

Membership in the Agawam Chamber of Commerce offers more than great networking opportunities. The Chamber offers business-related discounts to employers and their employees. The Chamber supports business, big and small, with legislative forums, professional business advice, tradeshows, and recognition programs.

And, every day the Chamber refers potential customers from throughout the area to Agawam businesses. For more information on how the Agawam Chamber of Commerce can help your business grow, call the Chamber office at 413-787-1540.

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650 Suffield St., Agawam
786-0953

Toastmasters Slate Demo Mtg. For Sunday

The Toastmasters Club of Agawam/West Springfield will hold a Demo Meeting on November 8th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Holyoke.

Learn how to improve your communication and leadership skills.

The public is welcome to attend and admission is free. For additional information, please call 413-789-2925 or 413-788-9518.



AT THE AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE's recently held fall breakfast, Sasha ZeBryk (left) of MDZ Seminars and Training in Agawam, led a workshop on learning to network like a pro.

"German Night" To Be Held Nov. 14th At Spfld. Turnverein

German Night will be held at the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills on Saturday, November 14th.

Two menus are being offered. You may select sauerbraten with buttered noodles and red cabbage, or roast beef and gravy with Parisian potatoes and vegetables.

The Gutholz Bowling Group is sponsoring this night under the capable leadership of Chef Erwin Schwarz. Servings will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Make reservations by calling Hilmar Hoppe at 568-0015 or the club at 786-0924 by November 10th. The price is \$10 for members and \$11 for guests.

The Leo Murawski Band will play for your dancing and listening pleasure.

All our friends are invited to join us.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 9th: Pasta and egg soup, B.C.T. quiche, butternut squash, pears.

Tuesday, November 10th: Beans and macaroni soup, chunky turkey salad on a roll, tossed salad, brownie.

Wednesday, November 11th: Senior Center closed (Veterans' Day).

Thursday, November 12th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, Canadian oat bread, chocolate pudding with topping.

Friday, November 13th: Clam chowder, tuna on a roll, cole slaw, rye bread, cookie.

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CALEB DANIEL HODOVANEK

Hodovanec Family Announces Birth of Son, Caleb Daniel

Gina and Daniel Hodovanec of Feeding Hills are proud to announce the birth of their son, Caleb Daniel, on August 7, 1998 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He weighed nine pounds, 13 ounces and measured 22 inches long.

Caleb's half-sister and half-brother are Rachyl and Brian Hodovanec of West Springfield. Maternal grandparents are Louis and Donna DeChristopher, both of Feeding Hills, and paternal grandparents, Daniel and Anneliese Hodovanec of Springfield.

Great-grandparents are Andrew Jorgensen of Agawam and Veronic Hodovanec of Port Ewen, New York.

Caleb's Godparents are his aunt, Diane D'Amours of Feeding Hills, and his uncle, Thomas Hodovanec of Ludlow.

Going To The Reunion? Last Chance For AHS Class Of 1978

Time is running out. We need to know if you are planning to attend the reunion. Please send in your check as soon as possible.

The reunion is **Saturday, November 28, 1998**, at Tekoa Country Club, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Questions? Call Shelley Borgatti Reed at (413) 786-4960.

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A reminder to community groups, service organizations, etc.: please be sure to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance.

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AT THE OCTOBER 10TH INSTALLATION at American Legion Post 185 in Agawam (from left to right): George Brown, Sr. Vice; Jay O'Sullivan, Past Commander; Ken Morytko, Adjutant/Historian; Louis Russo, Chaplain; Sam Gallant, Commander (1998-1999); John Brown, S.A.L. (Sons of the American Legion); and Paul Danahey, Sgt. at Arms.

Post And Auxiliary Officers Installed At American Legion

On October 10th, members of Post 185 and members of the American Legion Auxiliary were installed at the Agawam Post on Springfield Street.

Among the special guests at this installation were Past Director Terri Balboni, Commander Henry Jennings, Dept. Sr. Vice Mark Avis, and Co. Director Claire O'Pell.

The installation was held at 7:00 p.m. after a wonderful chicken dinner was served by James Balboni, member of S.A.L. (Sons of the American Legion).

The Post members who were installed were Sam Gallant, Commander; George Brown, Sr. Vice; Louis Russo, Chaplain; Dennis Ward, Finance Officer; Paul Danahey, Sgt. at Arms; and Ken Morytko, Adjutant.

The installed Auxiliary members were Mary Ellen Morissette, President; Kris (Tina) Henson, Sr. Vice; Sue Hayden, Jr. Vice; Andre Luginbuhl, Chaplain; Fran McBride, Secretary; Helen Chicoine, Historian; and Nikole Seymour, Sgt. at Arms. The Executive Board members are Marie Maher, Rosemary Klundt, Rose Isabelle, Betty Wright, and Joan Matthews.

President Mary Ellen gave out certificates to members for their work in the Legion. A plaque was presented to Past County Director Peg Brown for her continuous work in the American Legion Auxiliary and her work for the past 35 years. George Brown and his son also received certificates of appreciation.

Jonathan Bernard and his mom, Nancy, were guests at the installation, at which he received a certificate.

The Legion would like to give a "thank-you" to its new President for having done such a great job and in continuing on for us. "A job well done!"



NEWLY-INSTALLED COMMANDER Sam Gallant (left) with Jay O'Sullivan, Post 185 Commander for the past two years.

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LOCAL ROTARY PRESIDENTS Dennis P. Powers (West Springfield - left) and Charles Heyl (Agawam - center) present donations totaling \$2,500 to Dick Murray, President of the Board of Directors of the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam & West Side Rotary Clubs Donate To The Open Pantry

The Agawam and West Springfield Rotary Clubs each presented \$1,250 to the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry. This \$2,500 donation was a challenge between the West Springfield Rotary and the Agawam Rotary (which both clubs met and accepted).

A wealthy Rotarian in Rhode Island has pledged up to one-million dollars in matching funds to all the Rotary Clubs nationwide who contribute to organizations that feed the hungry.

This local contribution makes the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry eligible to receive a part of that challenge, and the members of both the West Springfield and Agawam Rotary hope that it will be a sizeable grant.

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Navy Fireman Joseph Diabo Part Of Military Birthday Celebration

Navy Fireman Joseph M. Diabo, son of Pat Sidusky of 17 Amherst Ave., Feeding Hills, is one of more than 380,000 active duty Sailors celebrating the Navy's 223rd birthday this month.

Diabo is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, home ported in Everett, Washington.

The Navy was created by the Continental Congress on October 13, 1775, after George Washington appeal for its formation. Since then, the Navy has been involved in all our nation's conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm, and Sailors continue to serve the nation today, on ships and at bases around the world.

On October 13th every year, Sailors mark the date as a time for ceremony and reflection on the deeds of the men and women who served before and who have given today's Sailors their legacy of honor, courage, and commitment.

Carriers, like USS Lincoln, are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available, including Tomahawk cruise missiles and tactical aircraft.

He joined the Navy in August 1997.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053. Thank you!

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Italian Women's Club To Meet At Alexander's In F.H.

The November 16th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. The membership is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

For more information, call 413-733-8751.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Rep. Keenan Offers Consumer Guide To Electric Industry

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has a Consumers' Guide to Understanding Changes in the Electric Industry in Massachusetts available at his district office.

Please contact Rep. Keenan's district office on 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, at 786-4545.

For the first time, electricity customers can choose their electricity supplier. This free comprehensive consumer education guide contains important information about the restructuring of the electric industry and how customers can choose their power supplier.

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For American Legion membership information, call 1-800-433-3318 or visit our Web site at www.legion.org



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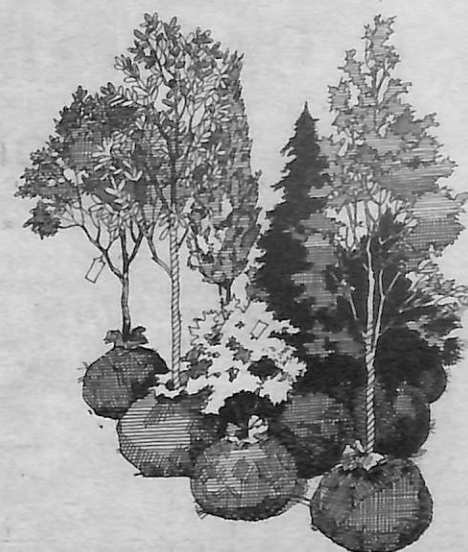
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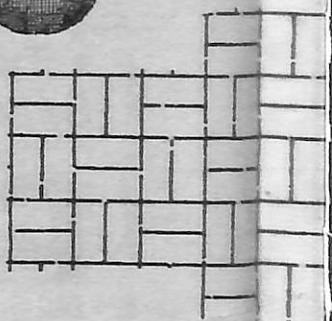
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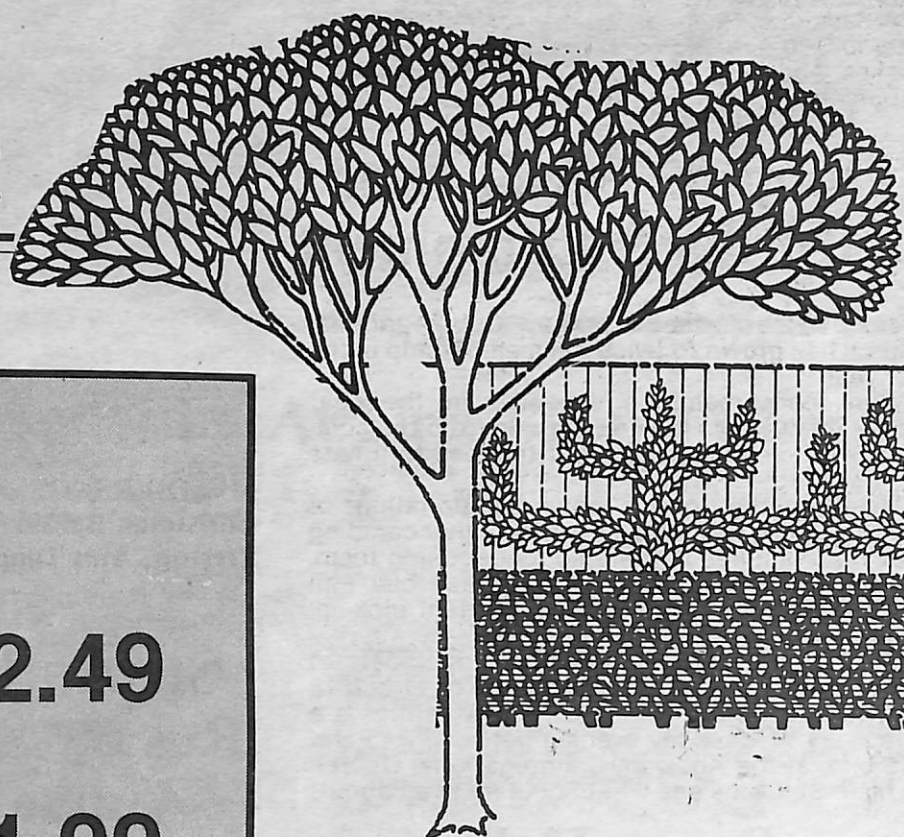
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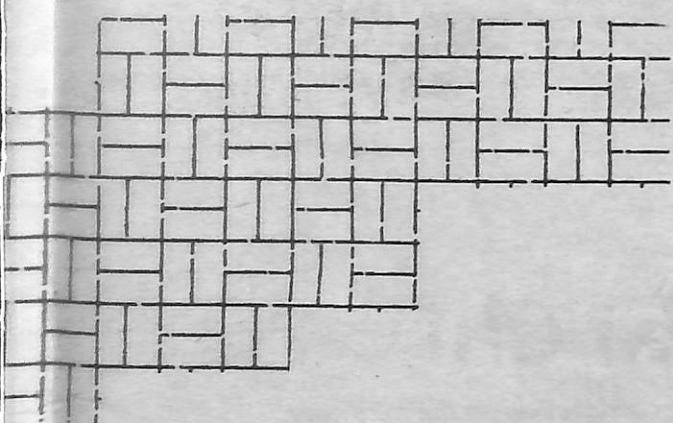
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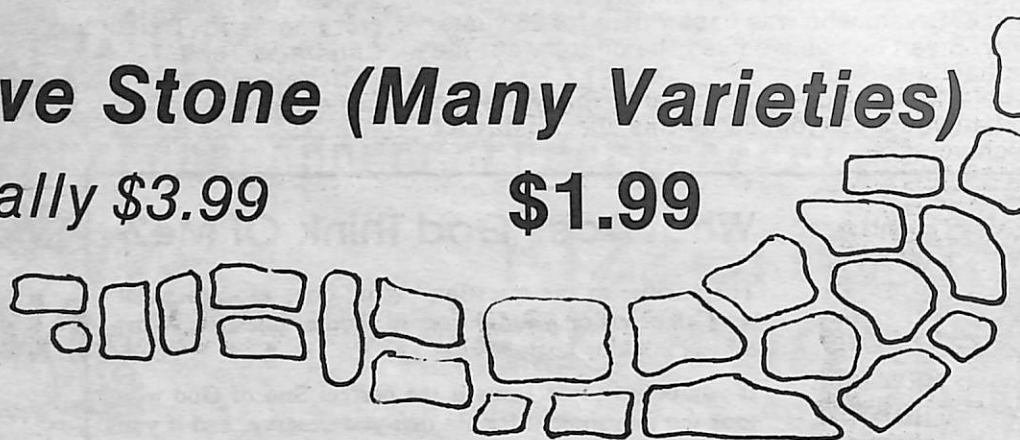
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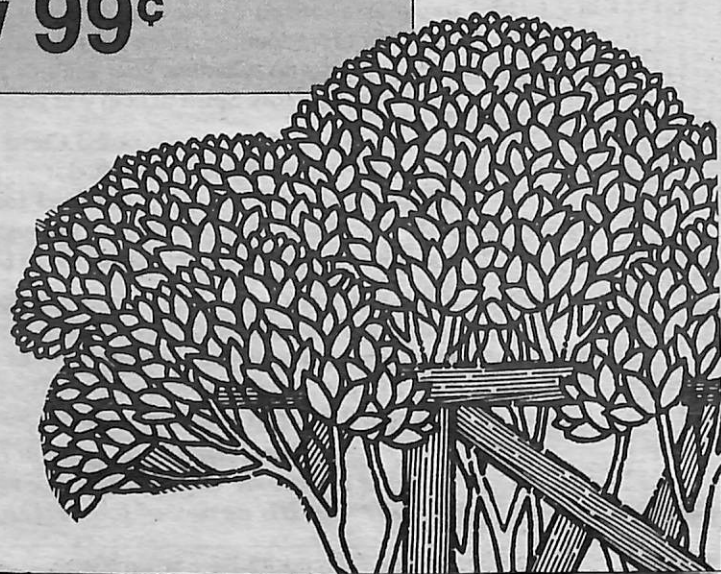


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Holly Wreath Bazaar Coming To Agawam Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The bazaar will feature crafts, food, candy, Beannie Babies, and carriers, as well as beautiful handmade articles, attic treasures, baked goods, a children's table, and (of course) our famous Clothes Boutique.

Along with our own crafters, we will feature outside vendors with many special talents.

A delicious luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., so come and enjoy soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

Remember, Christmas is in the air!

Troop 82 Seeks Used Uniforms & Equipment

Troop 82 of the Agawam Congregational Church has grown to twice the membership in the last year.

With more members expected in the near future, the troop is looking for help from the community to assist with some of the less fortunate scouts.

Therefore, the troop is requesting donations of any Boy Scout uniforms, as well as other camping gear from families that are no longer using them. Anyone with such a donation, please call Phil Thomas at 786-9896 to arrange for item pick-up. Thank you!

The troop is also accepting new members at any time. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 is invited to visit or join the troop. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening between 7:15 and 8:45 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main St. Come see what Scouting is all about!

Bryan Hall Dedication At Ag. Congregational

On Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the Worship Service, the Agawam Congregational Church's Fellowship Hall will be named "Bryan Hall" in loving memory of The Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, who was pastor here for 26 years.

Rev. Bryan not only served the church, but the community as well.

There will be light refreshments following the dedication. Please join us for this special day for the church.



MEMBERS OF Agawam Congregational Church are gearing up for their upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st (from left to right): Diane Simpson, Doris Preston, Ann Tapply, Dale Melanson, and Marion Ekstedt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Anthony's Holy Rosary Society Slates Annual Bake Sale

On November 7th and 8th, the Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony's Church will be sponsoring its annual bake sale.

The event will be held in St. Anthony's Hall, corner of Bridge and Maple Streets, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th.

The ladies will be offering homemade pastries as well as homemade pasta.

You will also find some Christmas items (a baby afghan, ceramics, towels, crafted hoops, angels, pictures, and Christmas wrap) at their "Mini Christmas Table."

Tickets will be on sale for a Beanie Baby Bear raffle.

St. David's Church To Host One-Stop Shopping Extravaganza

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting an all-day "One-Stop Shopping Extravaganza" on Saturday, November 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This is a perfect opportunity to catch some great deals and maybe even do a little early Christmas shopping.

Available for sale will be candles, baskets, toys, cookware, stained glass, books, crystal, makeup, Tupperware, home decor, and many, many other exciting items.

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Now that God sees you as His child, you are to live up to your new name and position. How are you doing? Are you living as a citizen of heaven? Are you growing in your Christian life, becoming more like Christ? If not, you have some work to do. Confess your failures to God and then depend on the Holy Spirit to help you grow in obedience.

But what if you have never trusted Christ as your Savior? Then God thinks of you as alienated from Him (Col. 1:21), spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1), destined for judgment (Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:11-15). Yet He loves you and wants to rescue you from the eternal consequences of sin (Jn. 3:16-17).

If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12

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Agawam Holds Its Annual "CROP WALK"...



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM "CROP WALK" COMMITTEE: Bud Hardy, Cassie Gilmartin, and Bob Broga. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THIS YEAR'S "CROP WALK" was held on Sunday, October 18th, and began at the United Methodist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chicken Supper Slated For Nov. 14th At Valley Community

Good news travels fast and the Supper Committee at Valley Community Church just can't stay ahead of the ever-growing crowds attending their monthly Chicken Suppers.

This month's supper will be held on Saturday, November 14th, with continuous servings from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

In view of the crowds and repeated requests "not to change a thing," the menu will once again consist of one-half baked chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, olives, pickles, cranberry sauce, rolls with butter, and a beverage.

Also included is your choice from a variety of delectable, enticing desserts. The cost is just \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Due to the ever-increasing crowds each month, we very strongly suggest you make reservations so you are not turned away. Please call Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552.

Yankee Pot Roast At Ag. Congo.

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Yankee Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes Yankee pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and butter, dessert, and beverages. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street, reservations are recommended, a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, or Anne Hamel at 786-2908 before 12:00 noon on Friday, November 13th.

To receive notice of all our dinners by mail, call (413) 786-2809 to be added to our mailing list.

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Events & Activities At First Baptist Church

First Baptist church members will participate in a community effort to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who chooses to come.

The Agawam Parish Association has recently been formed to undertake this project. The dinner will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

If you want to help, contact Ruth Davis or Sharon Grabowski, both members of the Parish Association. If you know anyone who will be spending this day alone, tell them about this dinner.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, and transportation will be provided for those who need it.

This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "We Are The Church Together." He will use 1 Corinthians 12 as his scriptural reference. Leading in the responsive reading will be Marjorie Greenough.

Coffee and conversation in Davis Hall immediately follows worship, and classes for all ages are held until 11:45 a.m. Nursery care is provided.

The Visiting Committee will meet directly following worship.

On our calendar this week:
Monday, November 9th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, November 10th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlights Bible Study; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, November 11th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee.

Thursday, November 12th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of November are Lori and Charlie Baker, and Marilyn and Harold Kane.

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Please welcome into our parish family those who were recently baptized. **Victoria Lynn Nascembeni** and **Anthony Mario Henry Francis Duval**. Congratulations to their parents and families.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL
Commitment Weekend

This weekend is **Commitment Weekend** for our parish stewardship renewal. Please return your intention cards anytime this weekend or during the course of the week to the rectory. Our parish ministries will be very grateful for your time and talent.

FAMILY/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Guidelines on Parish Pastoral Councils, prepared by the Diocese of Springfield, states that the Family/Community Concerns Commission "recognizes singles and couples, young and old, advantaged and disadvantaged as 'Family' who exist and are affected by the environment of their community, which can encompass the home, parish, and beyond."

Each parish determines the areas of need in their community. Here at Sacred Heart we have these ongoing programs in place in an attempt to meet the criteria:

- The evening meal at the Loaves and Fishes/Open Pantry the first Saturday of each month.
- Hamburg Soup for the Agawam/West Springfield Pantry the second Thursday of each month.
- Collection of canned goods, paper products, money - the third weekend of each month for Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.
- The Giving Tree during Advent - NEW clothing, toys, toiletries, food certificates for Agawam families in need.
- Lee Dion & Committee prepare and serve lunch followed by Bingo for residents of the Elderly Housing, 95 North Westfield St., the last Tuesday, April through December.
- Two Springfield Falcons Family Hockey Nights per year at discounted prices.
- The Help Line: established last year at the sug-

gestion of a parishioner. Volunteers offer assistance to those for whom some help is needed to improve the quality of life (e.g., transportation, minor home repairs, visits to lonely, respite for caregivers).

- As often as possible, an agency offering assistance to residents of Hampden County in a wide variety of needs is featured in the bulletin.

A member of the Commission represents Sacred Heart at the newly-formed Agawam Parish Association.

Any parishioner with interest or expertise in any area of family/community service is urged to become part of this commission. New ideas and enthusiasm will greatly benefit all.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, October through June, at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Present members are **Mary Zu'bi, Lee Dion, Mary Labun, Brenda McDade, Clyde Benton, Kathy Rondinelli, Theresa Barlow, Eleanor Balboni, Hilda Bartnick, Marianne Margiotta, Joan Wheeler, and Kathy Brown.**

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Sacred Heart Parish has a quiet custom of offering a **Thanksgiving Meal** to those who are in need. We are presently coordinating this activity. If your family would be interested in donating a **Thanksgiving Meal**, or if your family is in need of the **Thanksgiving Meal**, kindly call **Sr. Eileen** at the rectory at **786-8200** by **November 16th**. All donations and requests remain **anonymous** and **confidential**.

ADVENT WREATHS

Advent Wreaths will be on sale after all the Masses on the weekend of **November 21st and 22nd**. The cost is **\$8 for a complete set (wreaths, candles, and ribbons)** and just **\$5 for candles and ribbon**.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

Save the date, **Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.** for a Memorial Mass. November is the month when we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

We welcome the gift of your presence as together we pray for God's healing and comfort.

This Week's Listing Of Activities At
Valley Community Church In Feeding Hills

Members of Valley Community Church will begin their week by praising God during worship on Sunday morning.

We invited everyone to attend the 9:30 a.m. service. Rev. Dr. Robert Loesch, Interim Minister, will share a message entitled, "We believe in everlasting life," based on scripture from Job 14:1-7 and Galatians 6. The choir, under the direction of Suzanne Morgan, will once again enrapture the congregation with a solo by Margie Secora called, "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

The children of the church will depart the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Church, which is held downstairs in Dunn Hall. Here they will participate in a worship service geared just for their understanding.

Everyone is invited for Coffee and Fellowship in Dunn Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School begins at 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, with classes available for children of all ages. Nursery care is available throughout the morning for all infants and toddlers.

The Board of Administration will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. All Boards and Commissions are reminded to have their quarterly reports ready at that time.

Both Junior and Senior Choirs will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday, November 11th. The Junior Choir will meet from 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with the Senior Choir beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Supper Committee is once again gearing up for their monthly Chicken Supper, which will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Continuous servings are available from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and reservations are almost a necessity and can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street.

Agawam Parish Assoc.
Prepares For Its 1st
Thanksgiving Dinner

The newly-formed Agawam Parish Association is planning its first Agawam Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield St. in Feeding Hills (near Dunkin' Donuts).

The dinner is a program of the Agawam Parish Association in conjunction with the West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association. At this event, the churches of the Agawam community will come together as one body in preparing and serving the meal.

Volunteers will provide the work.

This Thanksgiving Dinner is for anyone in the Agawam community who wants to be with their neighbors on this special day. In coming together, we seek to share not only food, but also friendship with any who would be alone or who would like to join with others on this festive occasion.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, on-duty firefighters, police officers, and to those with family members in area hospitals. Transportation for those who need a ride to the dinner will be provided.

In 1981, the West Springfield Parish Association began the tradition by serving 120 meals. By 1997, the event had grown to the point at which over 1,000 meals were served, including about 150 to Agawam residents. Now we in Agawam wish to branch out from West Springfield's initiative and provide a similar service in our own community.

The meal is offered without charge. The association relies solely on the contribution of money, food, and volunteer help. The public is asked to consider this worthy cause and is invited to participate in any way possible.

To make a contribution, make checks payable to Agawam Parish Association, c/o Feeding Hills Congregational Church, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Donations of food may be delivered to Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. (Tel: 786-5061)

Volunteers may call Art Theobald at 789-4271 or Rev. Rob Donaldson at 786-5061 (Fax: 786-0694).

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9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
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Series - "Confidence Of Eternal Life"
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6:00 P.M. - Evening Services
Series - "What Are Angels?"

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Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, November 8th, is the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "A Spiritual Bypass of the Heart," taken from Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5. His Children's Message will be "It Won't Go."

Reminder — Church School meets at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

The Blanket Appeal continues. Money collected will be spent to purchase blankets for the area needy.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is canned juice.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Music Committee has announced the beginning of the "Agawam Chorale," which will meet three or four times a year for a Thursday rehearsal and sing in the church on Sunday mornings.

All aspiring singers are invited on Thursday, November 5th, to join the regular choir members for a fun-filled rehearsal, and on Sunday, November 8th, for a joyful musical and spiritual experience.

The "Agawam Chorale" will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

The Annual Christmas Wreath Sale is now here! The Youth Groups of the church will be taking orders for the wreaths during coffee hours, or call the church office at 786-7111. The cost of each wreath is still only \$10 with a bright red bow attached.

The order deadline is November 8th. This year, delivery is available for orders of 20 or more wreaths. The pick-up date is Sunday, November 29th, following the Worship Service.

Want to hear the music of the 50's along with swing and big band? Stop by Bryan Hall on Friday, November 13th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by D.J. Chuck Malloy of "Music Celebration."

Mark your calendars today! The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, November 22nd, following the Worship Service, the Fellowship Hall will be named in loving memory of Rev. Floyd C. Bryan. Rev. Bryan was pastor here for over 25 years.

Please join us as we honor this great man who served our church and community so well.

"The Shepherd's Marketplace" Coming To Good Shepherd

The shopping extravaganza known as "The Shepherd's Marketplace" will return to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street, West Springfield, on Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This marketplace will be brimming with fabulous gifts for all occasions. The Market Basket Shop will again be a highlight, with the many professionally-made gift baskets starting at \$5 (suitable for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and holiday birthday gift-giving).

Wreaths and wonderful decorative items will be featured in Mother Nature's Shop, and The Arctic Market will have a grand assortment of penguins, reindeer, snowmen, bears, and Santas. A Country Store, Woodshed, New Toy Emporium, Baker's Rack, and Second-Hand Rose Jewelry Shop will hold treats for everyone.

For the frugal-minded, a trip downstairs to the Flea Market will be a must. Lunch will include homemade soup, baked potatoes, and hot dogs.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 14th!

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ... AAN!!!

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

In honor of Veterans' Day, we will host members of the Agawam veterans' organizations as well as an Air Force Honor Guard from Westover Air Reserve Base. The veterans will assemble in the parking lot at 9:45 a.m., and the Honor Guard will Post the Colors.

The Rev. Donna Schaper, Western Area Minister, will also join us this week as our guest speaker. Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Don't forget! This Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Also, volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, November 11th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

The deadline this month to submit information to the church newsletter is Thursday, November 19th.

Due to the holiday the following week, it would be very helpful if items were submitted earlier if possible.

"Jingle Valley Fair" At First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam, will host a "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You'll find many wonderful and unique Christmas ideas for your home as well as for gift-giving! Displays will include a gift table, food table, plant table, jewelry table, elegant "junque," festive decorations, and Christmas ornaments.

Stop in at the "Snowflake Luncheon," with seatings from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Featured will be Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert, and beverage, all for only \$5.

For advance reservations, call 786-8624. Come to the Jingle Valley Fair and have your picture taken with Santa!!

The Ladies Benevolent Society has announced that they will serve their annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, November 14th. The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce and beet relish, butternut squash, rolls and butter, green beans almondine, beverage, and homemade pies.

For reservations, please call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732.

There will be a Movie Night sponsored by the Board of Christian Education here on Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

Come on in and spend an evening with your family — your church family, that is!

The Agawam Parish Association welcomes everyone to a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held here on November 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Call Art Theobald at 789-4271 if you would like to help.

For reservations, a ride to the church, or delivery of a meal, call Carol at 786-1912.

The Pastor-Parish Committee will meet on Monday, November 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

On the calendar:
Friday, November 6th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.
Sunday, November 8th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; Veterans' Day Observance.

Monday, November 9th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Pastor-Parish Committee.

Tuesday, November 10th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Wednesday, November 11th: Open Pantry desserts needed; 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scouts Committee.

Thursday, November 12th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Holiday Fair Coming To Grace Lutheran Church In West Spfld.

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 20th Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craft persons as well as traditional church shops. To obtain more information and an application, interested crafters please call (413) 562-7784 or send your request with a SASE to Grace Lutheran Church/Craft Fair at the above address.

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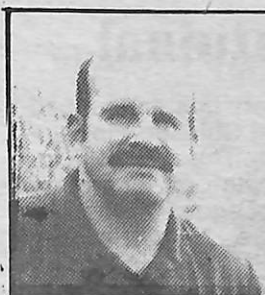
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Filling Our Hearts With Faith...

How many times have you heard the phrase, "the patience of Job"? (Job is pronounced "Jobe.") It is often applied to a person who is undergoing a great struggle, but come what may, manages to keep plodding along.

Perhaps the person is married to an errant spouse, but holds her or his held high. Or, perhaps the person is the parent of a belligerent teenager or child, but never loses his or her own temper. Such a person, others may say, has "the patience of Job."

The only problem with "the patience of Job" is that Job himself had very little, if any patience. In reality, Job was horribly impatient in most, if not all, of the circumstances of his life. And could Job whine!

We know that Job was impatient, because he demonstrated his impatience with his constant whining. By constantly complaining, Job demonstrated great impatience with his wife, with his friends, and with his circumstances.

As Job's troubles multiplied, Job demonstrated impatience with himself. When relief seemed not to be forthcoming, Job even became impatient with God!

"The patience of Job" is really a great misnomer. But what Job lacked in patience he made up for with faith. Job was a man of great faith.

Against tremendous odds, Job exercised faith that in spite of everything his senses told him, God was still on his side. Job complained a lot, but at the bottom of his heart was a confession of faith:

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last He will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has thus been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Job was saying, "Look, I don't understand why God is allowing these terrible things to happen to me. But my faith shall not be limited by my lack of comprehension. In spite of my momentary afflictions, I still believe in the goodness of God and I believe that He will rescue me and draw me to Himself. God's promises are personal and they apply to me as much as to anyone else."

It's a good thing Job had faith in God. The Bible says that **without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.**

In spite of Job's constant whining, God was pleased with Job because God could see into Job's heart and see Job's faith.

The same could and should be true for each of us, except for the whining part. God got more than His share of whining from Job, so it's not like He needs any more from us! God would like to look into our hearts and see that we, like Job, are filled with faith.

How can we get our hearts filled with great faith like Job? **Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

There are two excellent places to come in contact with the **word of Christ**. The first place is the Bible. **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.** The second place to encounter the **word of Christ** is a Bible preaching church.

Contrary to what some may say, God does not speak to people through their pillows! God calls people through the **proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.** One place you really won't encounter the word of Christ is the Sunday morning talk shows or newspapers!

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Rev. Peter Monahan's
"Reflections..."
is a regular feature
of the Agawam
Advertiser News.

Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

OVER 60 GROUP

November 5th: At 1:30 p.m., Fr. Howard's slide show, "The Footsteps of St. Paul." Tickets will be available at this meeting for the Bay Path production of the Gershwin musical "My One and Only" on **November 12th** at 8:00 p.m.

November 19th: Trip to Williamstown's Clarke Art Institute, including dinner at the Four Acres. 1:00 p.m. (Reservations due by November 5th.) Cost is \$22 per person.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is just about a month away. The raffle prizes are larger this year.

Did you remember to drop your raffle returns in the basket? Why not make this year's fundraiser for the parish the best yet!

THE GIVING TREE

Our parish will be offering the **GIVING TREE PROJECT** again this year, and we anticipate your continuing generosity.

People are still talking about last year and how good it made everyone feel.

If you know of any families who are in need, please notify Sr. Fran White by **November 5th.**

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

This group meets on the second Thursday of every month beginning on **November 12th** from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Members are reminded to bring nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets. For more information, call Frank, 789-2764.

CHOIR

Choir rehearsal is held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. New members are always most welcome to join.

Roast Beef Dinner Slated At Good Shepherd Church

In conjunction with its "Shepherd's Marketplace" on Saturday, November 14th, the Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 214 Elm Street, West Springfield, will be holding its famous all-you-can-eat roast beef dinner and dessert bar.

Seatings will be at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children.

Call 734-1976 or 736-5242 for reservations.

"Singing Christmas Tree" At Bethany

Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam will present its 24th annual Christmas event - the "Singing Christmas Tree" - the first two weekends of December.

The massive steel structure comes to life with the addition of 75 singers and computer-controlled lighting. This year's musical is the collaborative work of Vader, Rouse, and Kirland entitled, "A Light Still Shines," which opens with a powerful overture and continues with new songs and familiar Christmas hymns.

The 75-voice Bethany Choir and 18-piece Bethany Orchestra join their musical voices for this spectacular event, Bethany Assembly's "Christmas gift to the Pioneer Valley."

There will be eight presentations of the "Singing Christmas Tree," with four the first weekend of December and four the second weekend. Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., will be the schedule for the first weekend. The times are the same for the second weekend, Friday, December 11th; Saturday, December 12th; and Sunday, December 13th.

Admission is free to this special Christmas event, and there is no reserved seating. There is signing for the deaf in all presentations. Make your plans now to include in your holiday festivities Bethany's 24th annual "Singing Christmas Tree" celebration. For more information, contact the church office at (413) 789-2930.

Cabaret Evening At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will present a cabaret-style evening of intimate, candlelight music.

Enjoy music of the 50's, Swing, and Big Band Era on Friday, November 13th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall.

Feel your toes tapping? Get up and dance the night away or just sway to the music down Memory Lane. The music will be provided by DJ Chuck Malloy of Music Celebration. There will be a Pot Luck of finger sandwiches (A-M) and munchies (N-Z) with the beverages provided.

There is a \$4 per person admission to help support the Youth Groups of the church. Please call the church office at 786-7111 to make your reservation or for more information.

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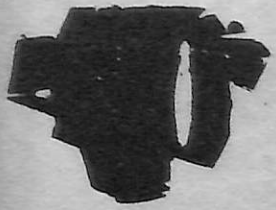
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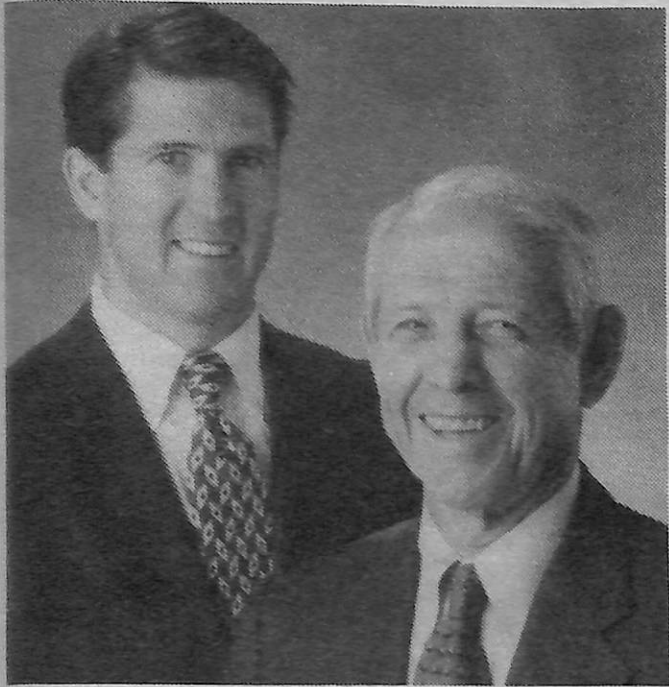
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Spotlight On Business



TEAMING UP to carry on the family business: Dr. Stephen W. McKenna, DMD (left), and Dr. Paul J. McKenna, DMD.

McKenna Orthodontics Holds Open House At Feeding Hills Office

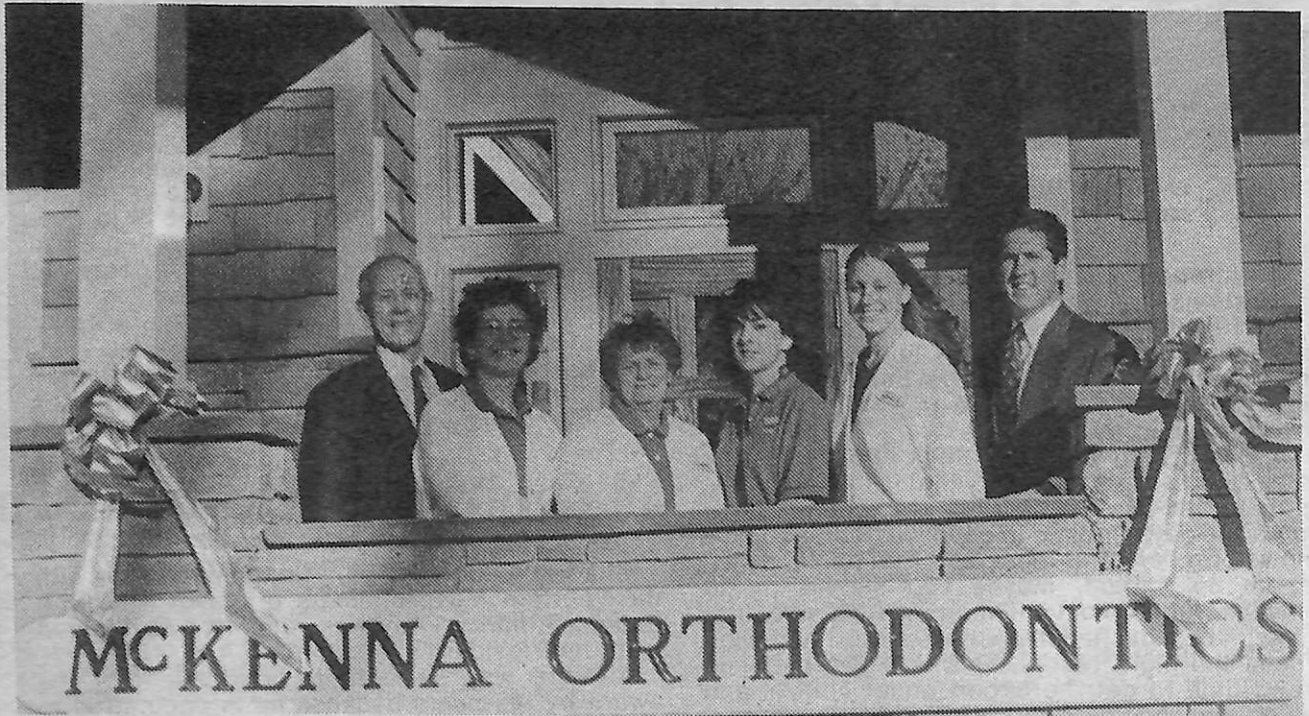
To celebrate 80 years of bringing healthy smiles to the Pioneer Valley, McKenna Orthodontics hosted an open house at its new Feeding Hills office on Friday, October 30th.

Mayor Johnson attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony held at 3:15 p.m.

The new McKenna building, custom designed for state-of-the-art orthodontic treatment, features digital photography, nickel titanium arch wires, and high heat sterilization. It is located at 1285 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. McKenna Orthodontics also has a Chicopee office located at 9 Trilby Avenue.

McKenna Orthodontics was founded in 1918 by Paul McKenna, DMD. As one of only two orthodontists in the region, patients came to McKenna Orthodontics from as far as Vermont and New York. Paul McKenna II, DMD, has carried on his father's tradition - and now is teamed up with his own son, Stephen McKenna, DMD. Over the decades, more than 15,000 Pioneer Valley residents have turned to McKenna Orthodontics for quality care and service.

At the 80th anniversary celebration, guests toured the new facilities and met the staff who answered any questions about the newest advances in orthodontics. Drs. Paul and Stephen McKenna were on hand to greet patients, old and new.



ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, McKenna Orthodontics hosted an open house at its new Feeding Hills office, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was part of the celebration. The open house commemorated the business' 80th anniversary. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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**Winter Travel In
The Rocky Mountains**

For the past few weeks, I have offered many suggestions for warm winter getaways. This week, I would like to start a little series on ski vacations in the United States and some tips to know before you go. I always believe that the more you know before you go may help you avoid any unpleasant surprises.

The first thing you must think about is airline service and delays into a city that is located in the midwest. It's hard enough to get to your destination these days on time in good weather, add on a snowstorm here and there, and that spells delay. Try to be patient. Maybe you should try to schedule your trip out mid-morning instead of first thing in the a.m., just in case the airport had been closed the night before. This will give clean-up crews time to get the airport under control and things may not be quite so hectic around mid-morning.

When you arrive in Colorado, for example, Denver is the main airport to get you to many of the different ski areas. Consider flying into Eagle County Regional as an alternative. It's about 30 miles west of Vail and is within easy driving distance of many of the villages.

Public transportation and shuttle services are affordable and convenient. Rental cars in Colorado ski areas are expensive and driving can be somewhat of a challenge. When renting a vehicle, I highly recommend one with four-wheel drive. Traffic may be quite heavy at times in and around the ski villages, so please allow extra time for back-ups.

Many of the ski villages in Colorado offer a variety of accommodations from budget-style to three- and four-bedroom, fully-equipped condos. Depending on your budget and the amount of people who are traveling with you, you may want to consider all that they have to offer. Your travel agent can search out the best type of accommodations to fit your needs.

Restaurants are everywhere and cost varies from affordable to very high end. Getting information from the hotel concierge or front desk will help out.

If you are thinking of ski vacations, now is the time to plan. Rates are out and flights are very limited, even into the larger airports. So, give us a call to plan your ski vacation this year.

I only have about 10 seats left for our trip to New York this month. On November 22nd, we will see "Ragtime" on Broadway. The price is \$102 per person. So, give us a call.

Please call me if you have any travel questions or would like me to talk about a destination that has always been of interest to you. I can't promise you that I have been there, but we can surely try to provide you with some assistance in getting there.

**Katie Borowiec Is
Nov.'s Employee Of
The Month At Mercy**

Katie Borowiec, B.S.N., of Feeding Hills has been selected as Mercy Hospital's Employee of the Month for November.

Borowiec, a nurse in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit, was nominated for the honor by her fellow employees, who cited her clinical skill, positive attitude, and commitment to Mercy Hospital's patients and their families.

In a congratulatory letter, Edmond L. Plummer, Jr., CEO, Acute/Ambulatory Network, Sisters of Providence Health System, wrote, "Through your actions, you personify the values of compassion, justice, and respect for human dignity which are the cornerstone of the Mercy Hospital mission, and that of our sponsor, the Sisters of Providence."

The award was presented November 2nd, at a surprise party hosted by the Intensive Care Unit and attended by hospital management and members of Spirit, Mercy Hospital's employee relations committee.

As Employee of the Month, Borowiec received preferred parking privileges, a lapel pin, and a gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall. In addition, her department will display the Employee of the Month trophy throughout November, and her name will be added to a plaque honoring outstanding employees.

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**Baths That Sell...**

If you're thinking of selling your home, keep in mind that bathrooms play a major role in the sale. Prospective buyers want a bath that is in good repair, has ample storage, and is sparkling clean.

A brighter, lighter bath painted and decorated in a neutral color such as white, off-white, beige, or light grey will appeal to the most buyers. And, if you stick with a one-color scheme, buyers will find it easier to imagine how their towels and accessories will look.

Painting the walls and ceiling is easy and inex-

pensive — use a gloss or semi-gloss finish because it is more soil-, steam-, and water-resistant and can better withstand repeated scrubbing.

Proper lighting can also brighten an otherwise dim bathroom. Use the highest wattage light bulbs your fixtures will allow.

Easy-to-do fixes that may have a major impact on the sale of your home include:

- Scrubbing the sink, tub, shower, and toilet; polishing chrome fixtures; removing mildew and stains from tiles; cleaning lime deposits; unclogging drains; and cleaning mirrors and window treatments.

- Repairing leaky faucets and running toilets; replacing broken toilet seats; and tightening hardware and towel racks.

- Organizing linen closets, countertops, and drawers.

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Breast Self-Exams

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for women in the 40-50 year age group. This past month was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is getting very prevalent in the U.S. Statistics from the American Cancer Society state that one out of every nine women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer. Most of us know someone who has been diagnosed with this disease.

The following are breast cancer risk factors:

- increase with age (50 years and older)
- higher in women with:
 - a personal or family history of breast cancer
 - some forms of benign breast disease
 - started menstrual cycle before age 12
 - began menopause after age 55
 - irregular menstrual cycle
 - lengthy exposure to postmenopausal estrogens
 - recent use of oral contraceptives
 - never having children or first live birth later than age 30
 - obesity.

The key here is **early prevention**. Is 10-15 minutes per month worth it to save your life? Monthly breast self-exams (BSE) help detect early disease.

- 80 percent of all breast lumps are benign
- of those malignant, 95 percent are found with BSE
- only takes 10-15 minutes per month
- 95 percent of breast cancers can be halted if BSE and mammograms were done as recommended

As women, we tend to not spend time to take

care of ourselves, but this is **important!** If we don't take care of ourselves, we won't be around to nurture others in the future.

Take 10-15 minutes per month for a breast self-exam. Choose a certain time of the month; the first of the month, your birthdate, a full moon, the end of your menstrual cycle, etc. Often women will say, "I don't know what I'm looking for." Start by getting to know your breasts, by looking and touching now. You'll know what's different or not right in the future. The pads of three middle fingers should be used. Check in the mirror first and look for changes such as:

- redness, irritation, or prominent veins
- lumps
- thickening
- swelling
- dimpling
- skin irritation
- distortion
- nipple discharge
- scaliness
- pain
- ulcers or sores

If there are any questions or if you find something, consult with your doctor!

Some preventative things that **you** can do are:

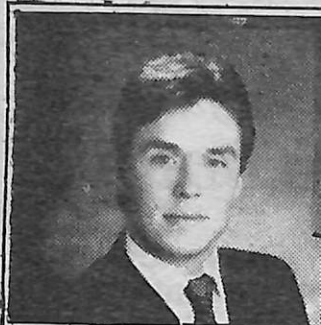
- reduce fat consumption in diet
- decrease caloric content
- decrease alcohol (there is an increased risk with consumption of alcohol)
- smokers are at an increased risk
- regular exercise dramatically reduces the risk (study of 1,000 women who exercised more than four hours a week experienced a 50 percent decrease over sedentary women)

Some other aspects to consider are limiting the use of underwire bras, and trying to limit bra use to eight hours per day.

Please, prevent problems in the future with these steps:

- take 10-15 minutes and perform monthly BSE
- eat right and exercise
- stop smoking and limit alcohol
- get yearly check-ups

Life is too precious. Take control and take care of your health! Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. 786-4820.



Your Back And Your Health

**by Dr. Joseph
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Ice Hockey-Related Injuries...

Recently, a player on a local ice hockey team entered my office with a complaint of neck pain and numbness in the arm and hand. He had been hit hard by an opponent who drove him into the boards.

The result was dramatic: whiplash injury to the cervical spine (neck). Misaligned spinal vertebrae were compressing the brachial plexus, a large network of nerves that originate in the neck and run into the arm/hand.

No wonder this young athlete (who was in superb physical condition) was in pain. Nerves were being pinched.

The unfortunate and frustrating part is that this player had been examined and unsuccessfully treated by local medical physicians. He was not referred for appropriate chiropractic treatment.

Chiropractic treatment has alleviated the pain and is now working to restore proper function to the neck.

Ice hockey is a rough, tough sport and it attracts thousands of New England youngsters each winter. Unfortunately, the physical brutality of this game generates health problems that can last a lifetime.

Parents, if your children are involved in this traumatic sport, you owe it to them to have periodic chiropractic examinations. Not so easily detected are the misaligned or damaged vertebrae in the spinal column.

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Registration for this program is \$8.00 per person.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Colds will strike nine out of 10 people each cold and flu season resulting in 29 million days lost from school and 15 million from work.

While it's common knowledge that vitamin C may help strengthen the immune system, a recent study from Arizona State University finds that 30 percent of Americans are lacking in vitamin C. This study is just the latest to join mounting evidence that suggests vitamin C may minimize the severity and length of the common cold.

Carol Johnson, Ph.D., is the lead researcher at Arizona State University. She says, "The research overwhelming indicates that vitamin C will reduce the severity and the duration of colds. And what that means is, by severity, you would have less of the itchy eye, runny nose syndrome, and, by duration, that means the actual duration of your cold might decrease by one to two days."

One of the best and easiest ways to get vitamin C in your diet is to eat eight fruits and vegetables a day. One eight-ounce glass of orange juice provides more than 100 percent of the daily requirement of vitamin C. If you use vitamin C supplements, there is no need to megadose. Studies show 300 mg a day of vitamin C can do the job.

Americans need more vitamin C and the best way to get vitamin C is from natural sources. Your citrus fruits are very good sources of vitamin C. See the information at the end of this article that lists the vitamin C content of food to know if you're getting enough.

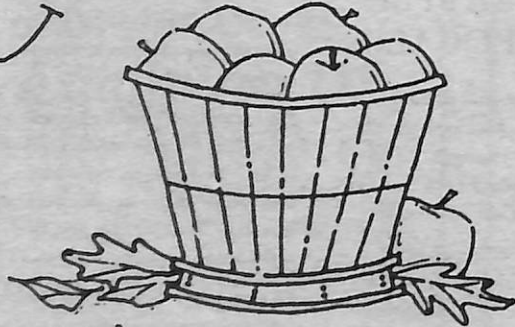
Medical experts recommend these tips to help reduce the risk of cold or flu:

- Drink fluids; the cold virus can more easily invade a dehydrated cell.
- Exercise regularly.
- Eat a well-balanced diet.
- Wash your hands and keep good personal hygiene.

This season, you can learn what additional precautions may be taken against cold and flu by calling the Florida Dept. of Citrus, Toll-Free Hotline, 1-888-FL-JUICE.

Asparagus, 19 mg; broccoli, 52 mg; brussel sprouts, 68 mg; cabbage, 24 mg; collard greens, 44 mg; ½ grapefruit, 38 mg; 1 green pepper, 128 mg; orange juice, 60 mg; strawberries, 66 mg; tomato juice, 20 mg; 1 guava, 165 mg; 1 red sweet pepper, 141 mg; ¼ cantaloupe, 57 mg; canned pimentos, 107 mg; ½ papaya, 94 mg; 1 kiwi fruit, 74 mg; 1 orange, 70 mg; cooked tomatoes, 23 mg; raw cauliflower, 36 mg; raw green peas, 31 mg; cooked kale, 27 mg.

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Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, November 11th and 25th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topics of discussion at these meetings will be announced, and they will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

Diabetes: Tuesday, November 24th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietitian, will speak about healthy eating choices for persons with diabetes during the holidays. What's more, Cathleen Bastible, M.S., P.T., Registered Physical Therapist, will demonstrate stress-relieving exercises to help relieve holiday stress.

Better Breathers: Wednesday, November 11th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties.

At this meeting, Thomas A. Tremblay, RRT, CPFT, will provide an update on smoking.

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursdays, November 5th and 19th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes": Sundays, November 15th and 22nd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you

to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, November 18th and 25th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Heart Healthy Holiday Dinner presented by Noble Hospital's Cardiac Rehab Department: Wednesday, November 18th, 5:00 p.m. At the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Agawam, MA.

Join us for a heart healthy holiday dinner and entertainment by Richie Mitnick of "Sounds of Music."

The following individuals will be available for questions at this event: Dr. Reed Shnider, Board Certified Cardiologist on Staff at Noble Hospital; Tricia Porter, R.N., B.S.N., Director of Cardiac Rehab, Noble Hospital; and Lynne Jasak, M.S., R.D., Registered Dietitian, Noble Hospital.

Registration for this program is \$8 per person. Seating is limited and advance registration is required. The registration deadline is November 13th.

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TERA GORDON AND PETER RZEWNICKI of Heritage Woods attended the Health Expo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUDY ST. LOUIS of Westhill Home Health & Hospice takes the blood pressure of Wanda Hasbrouck. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At The Agawam Senior Center...

14th Annual Health Expo Satisfies Participants

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

The 14th Annual Health Exposition at the Agawam Senior Center attracted guests, representatives, and participants who crossed state lines or city limits to enjoy the benefits of this event. Always held on the last Tuesday of October, this 14th Annual Expo hosted nearly 40 vendors and 600 guests.

Represented were area hospitals, rest homes, nursing homes, and pharmacies. The Visiting Nurses Association, Mercy Lifeline, and the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital shared information about available services.

The Massachusetts Association for the Blind displayed equipment to help vision difficulties, such as oversized playing cards and magnifying glasses. **Agawam Medical Supply** in Agawam Center brought examples of equipment and supplies, such as an adaptive switch that can help compensate for too tiny a switch when someone suffers from arthritis, for example.

Information On Insurance Concerns...

Information abounded at the Expo on insurance concerns. "Medigap" refers to options available for people buying supplementary Medicare insurance. Trudy Rysewicz counsels Agawam residents about insurance and foresees that many Medigap plans will not be offered soon in this state.

Noble Hospital did cholesterol screening and blood pressure checks, and there were chances to learn about healthy cooking. Demonstrations, portable medical testing facilities, and even free gifts helped to make this fall event an opportunity to learn and contribute.

The Expo was held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and according to Gail Freeman, deputy director of the Senior Center, "it surpassed our expectations."

Representatives from **Quail Run, Country Estates, The Atrium, and Heritage Hall**, all of Agawam, brought information about their facilities and services. Retirement communities from West Springfield and Suffield were represented, as well.

The Expo provided an opportunity for guests to view jewelry made by a Senior Center member, to gain knowledge about chiropractic care, or simply to enjoy the diversity.

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JOHN MCCANN AND SUE PETTAZZONI of Hampden County Chiropractic with Bessie Sessions. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Arts

Wealth Of Talent Displayed By Agawam Community Artists

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

From 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th, and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st, the Agawam Public Library hallway and Community Room hummed with appreciative spectators and welcoming artists. The Agawam Cultural Council proudly presented the Annual Art Show of the members of the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans.

On Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., there was a reception, which provided delicious-looking (and tasting!) cakes, cookies, cider, and other sweets. Linda Perkosi, a Connecticut artist and teacher, demonstrated water colors during the show.

There is a controlled and quiet passion expressed through the many works of creativity, and an observer can only marvel at the time and dedication it must take to finish just one painting, one earring, one cookbook, or one etching.

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans grew out of the need, perceived by Agawam Cultural Council members Beverly Secondo-Wands and Sylvia Deliso (current president of the Agawam Cultural Council), for artists and artisans to meet and share their interests and creativity.

Originally sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council, the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans came into being in July 1992.

According to Florida Tangocci, vice-president of Agawam Community Artists and Artisans, Sylvia Deliso and Beverly Secondo-Wands were the driving forces in making the group a reality. There has been a good response, but for the group (38 members strong), "new members are always welcome."

The next meeting was scheduled at the Captain Leonard House for Thursday, November 5th. A new meeting place will be decided, but the meetings will continue to happen the first Thursday of every month.

The show featured demonstrations by ACA club members Barbara Cohen - pastels; Marie-Helene Gates - acrylics; Alexandra Walters - colored pencil; and John J. Wiley, Jr. - watercolor.

Over 80 works of art were displayed and could be purchased by placing code numbers from the programs onto forms provided at each table.

"... A Wonderful Art Show ..."

Howard Safford, president of Agawam Community Artists and Artisans, told us, "This is a wonderful art show and we're very pleased to have the opportunity to display the talent of the members of the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans."

On view at the show were dozens of paintings, each one worthy of appreciation and value, along with delicate earrings and woven articles, welcome slates, custom pet note cards, and serigraphs. There was a cookbook, a coloring book, and a novel.

Safford pointed out that "every medium was represented here: abstracts, portraits, still lifes, landscapes, and seascapes." ("Beach Fence" is his own watercolor.)

"Works done in oils, acrylics, pastels, water colors, colored pencil, Chinese brush, handmade paper, oil on hardboard, graphite, line art, pen and ink, paper clay, oil on slate, screenprint, polymer clay, and mixed media are all shown here," Safford observed.

A spark of high energy is offered for those to enjoy whenever the opportunity comes around to view these artists' excellent contributions. From Native American to traditional, from the images conjured up by the foam of a painted wave to the pen and ink of a cat curled up and pondering, to a frog symbolizing the nature of our world today ... there were ideas to capture everyone's imagination.

There were alternatives for persons with allergies to nickel or food additives, by providing an alloy which is nickel-free (one of the most common sensitivities) in their jewelry or by creating recipes in their cookbooks that suggest more natural ways to prepare foods.

Appreciation goes to those who had vision and realized the need for a way for artists and artisans to become better acquainted. The invitation to share this reception and showing of such talent demonstrates a generosity of spirit consistent with their love of creative expression.

This entire event affords the public an opportunity to take in in detail the creations and talents of this local organization. It will be displayed through November and December in the display cases and the main hallway of the Public Library. "The best things in life are free."



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Linda Barnes, Gloria McLellan, Joan O'Reilly, and J.J. McCarthy were among the participants in the Annual Art Show featuring the works of members of the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans. These works will be on display at the Agawam Public Library throughout November and December. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"First Friday" Series To Present Program By Noted Photo Naturalist

The Agawam Cultural Council is pleased to present noted photo naturalist Roger S. Hart of Lenox as part of its "First Friday" series on Friday, November 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam.

The title of Hart's presentation will be "Nature's Paintbrush." His program is an audio-visual exploration of color in nature and is represented by its own series of color slides and music.

Hart's primary interest is nature photography and he presents multi-image presentations to audiences all over New England and also markets a series of fine art nature prints. His photographs have been featured on Quality Printing's "A Closer Look at the Berkshires" calendar and the City Savings Bank of Pittsfield calendar.

Hart's photographs have also appeared in *The Berkshire Eagle* and have been used by both United Press International and the Associated Press.

His upcoming presentation at the Agawam Public Library is free and open to the public. It is supported by the Agawam Cultural Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

WTG To Stage The Comedy "Rumors"

The Westfield Theater Group, a division of the Westfield Women's Club, is proud to announce their 1998 fall production, "Rumors," by Neil Simon.

They will perform at the Westfield Women's Club on 28 Court Street in Westfield. The show dates are Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at 8:00 p.m. Also, Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th at 8:00 p.m. There also will be a Saturday matinee on November 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at the Westfield Women's Club. Advance reservations are available by calling (413) 572-6838.

Agawam Garden Club To Host Guest Speaker From Laughing Brook

Marla Cullan, teacher/naturalist for the Audubon Society at Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, will present a narrated slide program at the November meeting of the Agawam Garden Club, November 9th at the First Baptist Church, Main and Elm Streets, Agawam.

The occasion will be the annual banquet and last meeting of the 1998 club year. After a turkey dinner served at 6:30 p.m. by church members, there will be a business meeting with election of officers and the program.

Marla formerly worked at the Pocono Environmental Center, Dingham's Ferry, Pennsylvania. She dealt with family nature study and was director of a day camp. She said she dealt with as many as 800 persons a day and was looking for a smaller place where she could expand on naturalist work, and found it at Laughing Brook.

She also worked in the Springfield and Westfield schools. Her talk will be about wildflowers and backyard wildlife.

The final Garden Club activity for this year will be decorating a kitchen in one of the Storowton Village houses in West Springfield. In preparation, there will be a "greening" session, December 1st, at the home of Peggy Shoemaker on Monroe Street. Members will make garland swags, ropes, wreaths, etc., out of natural plantlife to be used at Storowton for the annual Yuletide celebration. The club will not meet again until March.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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Memory Lane Concert To Feature Many Song Styles From Different Eras

The upcoming concert by the Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center and the Junior High School Chorus will include many songs from different eras of Broadway shows, but is not attempting to "be" a Broadway production.

The focus, with regard to the full chorus numbers, will be more on the songs themselves and will provide a brief glimpse of many song styles. These songs will be presented in a "sing-along" format and include only one verse of each song in groupings that are linked by style or topic.

These are not presented in chronological order, but the printed program will give full information on the lyricists, composers, dates, and shows in which the songs were originally presented.

The 17 songs that will be performed in solo, duet, trio, or small ensemble will allow for a more "theatrical" style. Another 10 songs presented by the Junior High School Chorus will focus on selections from "The Music Man" and "South Pacific," along with some from more recent years, including "Godspell," "Sweeney Todd," "Annie," and "A Chorus Line."

In the earlier years of shows produced in New York, many were in the "revue" format such as "The Ziegfeld Follies." They were without any storyline, and when there was a plot, it would be interrupted by songs and dances that at times played no role in the development of the story or character.

More integrated shows became the norm in the 1920's, and for many years, shows provided many of the "Hit Parade" songs that were not too complex or difficult that just about anyone could sing at home gatherings as well as local minstrel or variety shows.

Some of them may have been "silly little ditties," but there were many that could be ranked as highly poetic and musical, and they became the "song standards" that have survived for many generations.

With a very large chorus from the Junior High in addition to the Senior Chorus, demand for tickets at \$5 is expected to be very high for the Friday evening (November 13th) performance at 7:00 p.m. at the Junior High School auditorium.

However, a free, open dress rehearsal will be held at the Junior High School auditorium on Thursday afternoon, November 12th, at 3:00 p.m., and the public is invited to attend this performance without charge.

It was originally thought that the dress rehearsal would not include the Junior High portions, but it is expected now that pretty much all of the numbers will be presented.

Tickets for the evening performance will be allotted to Chorus members to start with, but they should be available at the Senior Center starting on Monday, November 9th.

The Senior Chorus numbers (some with the Junior High Chorus joining in, as well as the audience) are as follows:

"Another Op'nin' Another Show"; "There's No Business Like Show Business"; "I Feel A Song Coming On"; "The Sound Of Music"; "Say It With Music"; "You And The Night And The Music"; "In Old New York"; "The Bowery"; "Sidewalks Of New York"; "Give My Regards To Broadway"; "They Say That Falling In Love Is Wonderful"; "Why Do I Love You"; "Lida Rose"; "Swanee"; "Row, Row, Row"; "Paddlin' Madeline Home"; "Mary's A Grand Old Name"; "Mame"; "Hello Dolly"; "A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody"; "I Found A Million Dollar Baby"; "Be My Little Baby Bumble Bee"; "You Do Something To Me"; "You're The Cream In My Coffee"; "You're Driving Me Crazy"; "Look For The Silver Lining"; "Great Day"; "Hallelujah"; "Strike Up The Band"; "I Love A Parade"; and "You're A Grand Old Flag."

Songs that will be featured in solo, duet, trio, and small ensemble performances are:

"More Than You Know"; "All I Ask Of You"; "Getting To Know You"; "Hello Young Lovers"; "Memory"; "Falling In Love With Someone"; "Old Man River"; "Oh What A Beautiful Morning"; "The Surry With The Fringe On Top"; "People Will Say We're In Love"; "Oklahoma"; "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face"; "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend"; "Makin' Whoopee"; "The Lady Is A Tramp"; "Tea For Two"; "Stormy Weather"; and "Put On A Happy Face."

Songs featuring Junior High Chorus members will include:

"Castle In The Clouds"; "On My Own"; "Rock Island"; "Gary Indiana"; "Dites Moi"; "Rejoice"; "Bleeker Street"; and "Tomorrow And One."

Musical productions that will be represented by songs are:

"Kiss Me Kate"; "Annie Get Your Gun"; "Every Night At Eight"; "The Sound Of Music"; "The Music Box Revue"; "Revenge With Music"; "The

Red Mill"; "A Trip To Chinatown"; "Little Johnny Jones"; "Show Boat"; "The Music Man"; "Les Mis"; "Oklahoma"; "My Fair Lady"; "South Pacific"; "Sinbad"; "Ziegfeld Follies"; "Sunny"; "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway"; "Mame"; "Hello Dolly"; "Crazy Quilt"; "Fifty Million Frenchmen"; "Hold Everything"; "Smiles"; "Sally"; "Great Day"; "Hit The Deck"; "Strike Up The Band"; "Cotton Club Revue"; "George Washington, Jr."; "Godspell"; "Sweeney Todd"; "Annie"; "A Chorus Line"; "Phantom Of The Opera"; "No No Nanette"; "Babes In Arms"; "Bye Bye Birdie"; "Naughty Marietta"; "Whoopie"; "The King And I"; and "Gentleman Prefer Blondes."

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Tickets may be obtained by sending a check made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council," along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. The cost of the trip will be \$20.

For further information, call 786-1859.

Agawam Singers To Perform In Spfld. Symphony Production

The Springfield Symphony Chorus and members of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, as well as area singers, including Elizabeth Wright, Brian Leperd, and Marcia Haas, all of Agawam, will take the audience on a musical tour from **Vienna to Venice** on Sunday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral, 260 State St., Springfield.

The 120-voice chorus will perform Schubert's *Mass in G*. Written when Schubert was still a teenager, it displays his genius for lyrical melodies, harmonic invention, sensitive shaping of a text, and masterful dramatic pacing. Members of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will join the chorus for Vivaldi's *Gloria*, one of the glories of baroque music. Steven Lipsitt, chorus director, said, "We are delighted to be performing these two choral masterpieces at our first concert of the season."

Steven Lipsitt is in his second season as Chorus Director of the Springfield Symphony Chorus. He also serves as Associate Conductor of the Boston Classical Orchestra, Guest Conductor at the Athens (Greece) Concert Hall, and Cover Conductor for the Boston Pops.

The Springfield Symphony Chorus membership consists of 120 area residents, some of who have been in the chorus for more than 37 years.

"Charlotte's Web" Coming To Red Door Theatre In F. Hills

Before Babe, there was Wilbur, who was "some pig." For Charlotte, the spider who resides on the Zuckerman Farm, Wilbur was also "terrific," "radiant," and "humble" - at least those were the descriptive words she spun in her web. It was her attempt and hope to draw attention to her unusual friend and keep him from ending up on the breakfast table.

The heartwarming story of their friendship will be brought to life at The Red Door Theatre as Stage Young People's Theatre presents, "Charlotte's Web," November 6th and 7th at 7:30 p.m. and November 7th and 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Twenty students from Massachusetts and Connecticut are participating in the seven-week, afterschool drama camp conducted at the popular award-winning theatre.

April Rondeau of Agawam plays the gentle spider Charlotte, while the part of Wilbur is being split between Dana Allen of Agawam and Jason Frank of West Springfield.

Another Agawam resident, Sara Dorans, plays young Fern, who befriends the runt pig much against the wishes of her father and mother, played by Tyler Pearsons of Suffield and Elizabeth Couture of Agawam.

Other students from the Agawam area include Jennie Clark, Kendall Hill, Kaila Pirnie, and Karisa Rogers. Stage veterans Ryan Stelzer and Katie Byrne of Westfield, Ricky Avonti and Andrea Cressotti of West Springfield, Tim Brown of Springfield, and Dan Gianfelice of Belchertown make up the rest of the Massachusetts theatre enthusiasts.

The Red Door Theatre is located at 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA, next to the Valley Community Church. All tickets are \$5 and reservations may be made by calling 789-2026.



IN REHEARSAL FOR THE November 8th "Vienna to Venice" performance: back row - Marcia Haas, Tom McCaleb, Margaret Bielin, and Harry Thomas; middle row - Karen Carriera, Brian Leperd, Sonja Funk-Olin, and Sue Brown; front row - Sylvia Starkie, Patricia Thomas, Dottie Hulse, Elizabeth Wright, and Marjorie Freshour.



FRIENDLY FERN ARABELLE (Sara Dorans of Agawam) comes to greet her farmyard friends (from left to right) - Wilbur and spider (Dana Allen and Kaila Pirnie, both of Agawam), as well as Templeton Rat and lamb (Jaime Pearsons and Krista Stepansky, both of Suffield, CT), as they rehearse for STAGE's "Charlotte's Web," running November 6th, 7th, and 8th at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, MA. Call 789-2026 to reserve tickets.

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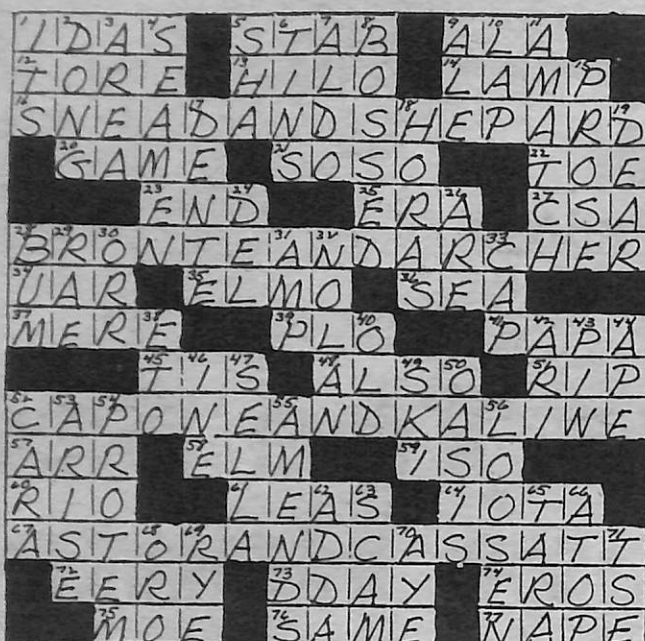
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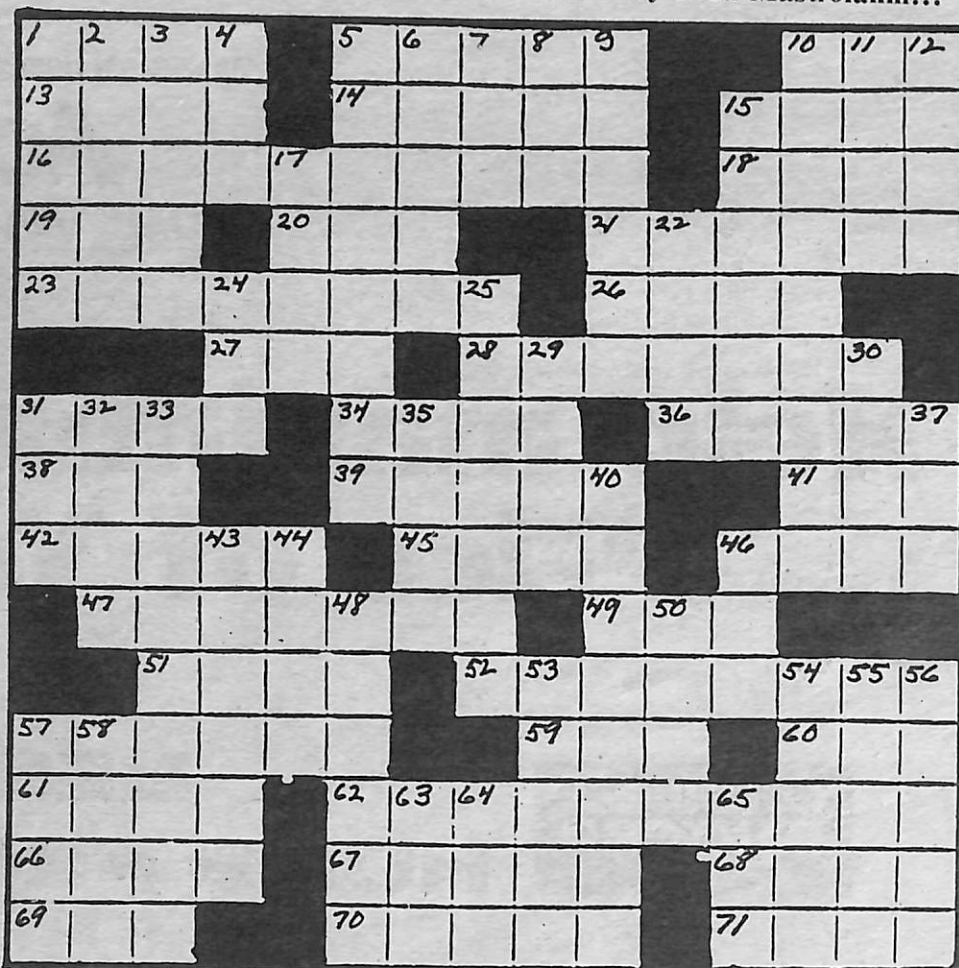
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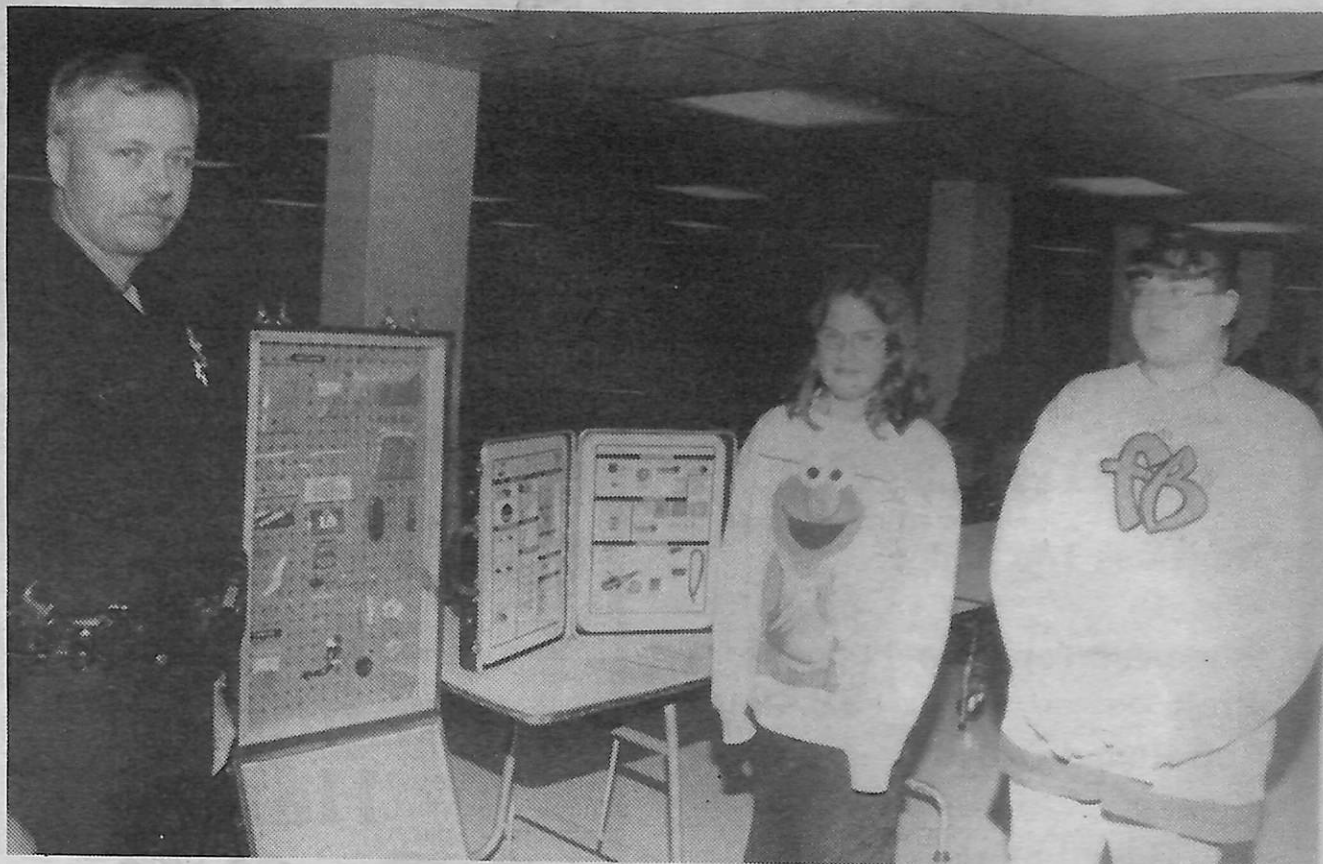
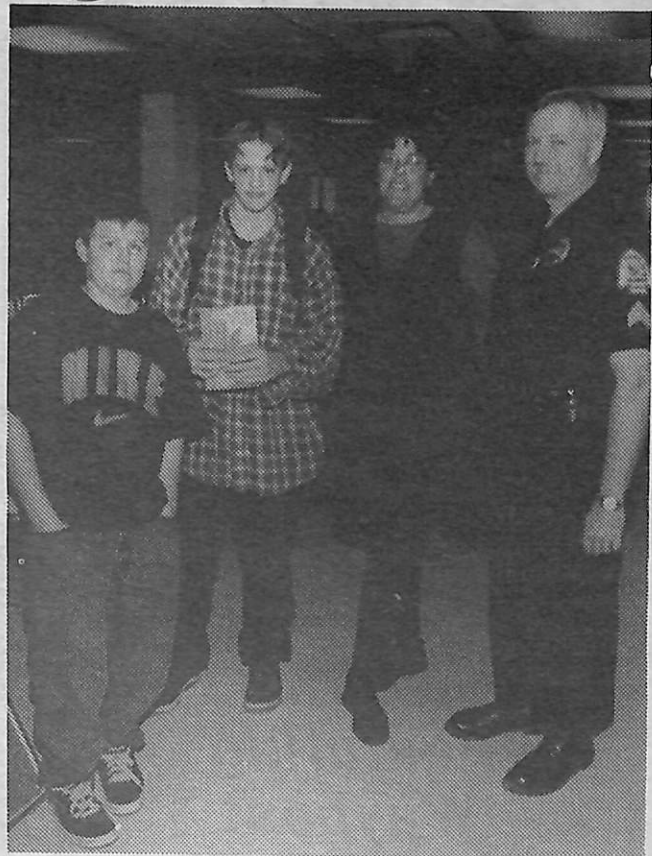
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IN OCTOBER, Agawam Police Sergeant Steven Draghetti (Safety Officer) presented information on drug use and drug paraphernalia to Agawam Junior High students during the lunch period. IN LEFT PHOTO: Kyle Turcotte, Joshua McLain, Wendy Bradley (Junior High drug abuse prevention counselor), and Sgt. Draghetti. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Sgt. Draghetti with Lindsay Harnois and Elizabeth Ruddeforth.

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Similar To Programs At AHS...

Junior High Programs Aimed At Preventing Drug Abuse

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Since coming on board as the Junior High's first full-time drug abuse prevention counselor in September, Wendy Bradley has been working closely with her counterpart at the High School, John Doherty, to provide the students with the same programming and support systems they can rely on when they move up to the High School.

For the previous two years, Ms. Bradley worked part-time at the school in a position funded by a state grant. Funding for that position ended last year and the position itself was in jeopardy until the School Committee unanimously rejected a School Department plan to have the Agawam High School Substance Abuse counselor split his time between the two schools.

"I had known going into the position that it was only funded for two years (by the state)," Ms. Bradley said. "I was hoping that if I worked very hard, the position would be funded by the schools. I definitely feel the School Committee very much supported the program and I'm very thankful."

Thankful and very busy.

There are still the 25 to 40 students each week who either seek out help on their own or are referred to Ms. Bradley by school administrators, teachers, parents, and even their friends. And the programs launched last year like peer mediators and Alateen still require a considerable amount of time and energy to keep the programs running.

And there are more new programs to plan and coordinate with the High School. But, being at the school full-time means more than just more time; it means a better quality of time to develop relationships with both the students and the staff.

"I now have time to cultivate relationships with the guidance counselors and I can have lunch with the teachers," Ms. Bradley said. "That's only going to help improve the program. I'm really excited about the possibilities of doing so many new things."

Some of these include classroom visits with posters and materials donated by the PTO that detail the effects of smoking on the lungs. Also, the Thursday morning breakfast of juice, donuts, and cereal bars put on by the student assistance team, or working out a master schedule of timely events promoting healthy lifestyles and relationships to dovetail with the efforts at raising students' awareness at the High School.

In October, the focus was on bringing police officers to the school to discuss drug use and drug paraphernalia with the students in an informal setting during the lunch period.

The Great American Smoke-out...

In November, the Great American Smoke-out will set the tone for a month dedicated to keeping kids from lighting up for the first time or to encourage kids to stop smoking. On November 12th, both the Junior High and the High School will feature presentations of a multi-media, MTV-like video dealing with decision-making and drugs.

In December, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Agawam Counseling Center will sponsor programs dealing with alcohol-related problems, including issues facing teens when alcoholism affects their families.

Martin Luther King Day will be the focal point of January's discussions on racism and violence, while St. Valentine's Day will help emphasize the importance of being aware of the warning signs that a loved one might be using drugs.

In April, plans are in the works for the students to stage their own demonstration on the day of the mock accident held at the High School each year just before the prom. At the Junior High, some students, one every 22 minutes of the school day, may become "ghosts" with their faces painted white to signify the death toll among children caused by drunk drivers every year. And in May, promoting health relationships will be the theme at both the Junior High and the High School.

Last spring, the School Committee restored funding originally requested by Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield to expand the part-time position of substance abuse counselor to a full-time position.

A unanimous School Committee vote overrode the school superintendent's plan to eliminate the half-time position of substance abuse counselor at the Junior High, and restored the \$30,000 originally requested by Littlefield to provide a full-time substance abuse counselor.

The superintendent had planned to have the High School's Substance Abuse counselor spend three days at the High School and two days at the Junior High. But, the School Committee turned thumbs down on the idea, fearing it would dilute services at both schools.

Committee members felt there was a need to provide students with drug prevention programming before they reach the High School, and that it was the School Department's responsibility to provide funding for successful programs when state grants run out. Also, there was a consensus of opinion that the High School Substance Abuse counselor was needed three full-time.

Agawam High School Calendar Of Events

Nov. 1st-13th: Candy Sale sponsored by the AHS FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB

Nov. 6th: Officer Draghetti, Agawam Police Dept., speaking in practical law classes

Nov. 7th: SAT I sponsored by the AHS Guidance Dept.

Nov. 8th: AHS BAND to Boston University for State Finals, 12:00 noon performance

Nov. 9th: HEPATITIS B No. 1 VACCINE TO SENIORS

Nov. 10th: SECOND ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL DANCE, AHS CAFETERIA. 7:00-11:00 P.M. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED; ENTREPRENEURSHIP FIELD TRIP TO WHOLESAL DISTRICT IN NYC; "UP WITH PEOPLE" PRESENTATION IN WORLD LANGUAGE CLASSES.

Nov. 12th: LAST DAY TO ORDER INDIAN RIVER FLORIDA CITRUS, AHS BAND; Tobacco Training sponsored by RENAISSANCE

Nov. 12th-15th: AHS MODEL CONGRESS TO YALE UNIVERSITY for competition

Nov. 13th: RENAISSANCE GPA SUNDAE PARTY FOR SPRING SPORTS, 1:15 p.m.

Nov. 15th: RENAISSANCE VIP AWARDS (most improved students)

Nov. 16th: AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; MATH CLUB BAKE SALE AT OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 17th: INTERGENERATIONAL POETRY GROUP, Room 38, 1:50-2:40 p.m.; SOPHOMORE CLASS RING ASSEMBLY

Nov. 19th-22nd: AFS INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

Nov. 19th: In-School Assembly, Period 7, "OLIVER!"; SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; FALL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION NIGHT, 6:00 p.m., gym/cafeteria; GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE-OUT sponsored by Peer Leadership

Nov. 20th: BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE AHS FUTURE TEACHERS' CLUB

Nov. 20th-21st: "Oliver!" performance in AHS auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 20th-24th: WINTER SPORTS PHYSICALS

Nov. 21st: ACADEMIC DECATHLON competition at Pittsfield High School

Nov. 22nd: "Oliver!" 2:00 p.m. matinee in the AHS auditorium

Nov. 23rd-24th: SOPHOMORE CLASS RING ORDERS TAKEN

Nov. 24th: MATH TEAM practice

Nov. 25th: SENIOR INFORMATION DAY - AHS graduates speak in English classes - sponsored by the AHS Guidance Department; ORANGE & BROWN DAY, PEP RALLY, AHS GYM; BONFIRE, AHS ATHLETIC FIELD

Nov. 26th: AGAWAM/WEST SPRINGFIELD FOOTBALL GAME, 10:00 a.m., AWAY

Nov. 30th: Start of AHS WINTER SPORTS

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Ag. Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Middle School Counselor

The Agawam Middle School PTO is to be commended for organizing the Halloween Costume Day on October 30th. The festivities were enjoyed by all of the students. ***

The fall intramural sports program is coming to a close at the Middle School. In this popular after-school activity, the sixth grade students played flag football, and the fifth-graders played soccer. The playoffs to determine the winning homeroom for each grade will be held during the week of November 2nd. ***

The counselor wishes to alert parents that report cards for the first marking period will be issued on or about November 13th. Parents are requested to please sign the report card stub and return it to the school by way of their son or daughter as soon as possible.

Parents are advised to address immediately any problems they may see on their child's report card. Regular school attendance and prompt completion of homework assignments cannot be overemphasized. ***

In the area of study skills, the fifth grade students have been watching a video, giving them new ideas on such topics as completing their homework, choosing a proper place to study, and budgeting their time. The fifth-graders discussed the video with the counselor after watching it and completed a short written exercise on study skills.

"Content Support" Group Slates 1st Mtg.

A new "Content Support" parents' group, consisting of concerned parents advocating for Agawam Junior High and High School students presently receiving "Content Support" through Chapter 766, will have its first meeting with administrators on Thursday, Nov. 12th, 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Library Community Room.

Dr. John Brosnan and Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski have agreed to meet with the group to explain policies, procedures, and curriculum.

All interested parents, students, and citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

Members of the group include Randall & Mary Lou Cushing, Roger & Claire Cardin, Mark & Mary McCormick, Donna Zucco, Mark Watson, Steve & Maria Skala, Joanne Ferrentino, William & Bonnie Waters, Al & Donna Woszczyzna, Mary Anne Lupras, Diane Crumb, Debbie Pelley, Pat Maynard, and Steve & Julie Adamski.

Through Professional Development Days, Courses, & Workshops...

School Department Seeks To Help Teachers With Recertification

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With teachers across the state facing the mandatory renewal of their teaching certificates as required under education reform by next June, the School Department is sponsoring two full professional development days, as well as two semesters of courses and workshops taught by Agawam teachers, to help ensure that teachers here can earn the necessary 120 professional development points in time.

Assistant Superintendent Mary A. Czajkowski said all teachers may not necessarily be able to rely on accumulating all their professional development points at workshops, courses, and seminars offered by the district at no cost to the teachers. But, about one-third of the staff has signed up to participate in the 11 workshops and courses comprising the September to December semester of professional development opportunities sponsored by the School Department, she said.

All After School Courses

The workshops and courses will all run after school. Teachers presenting a workshop (a minimum of four hours) will be paid \$35 an hour, while teachers running a 20-hour course will earn \$50 an hour. The teachers attending the session will be "paid" in professional development points.

The courses were chosen based on teacher interest as demonstrated by enrollment. The original list included 22 proposals developed by teachers and approved by the professional development committee, according to Ms. Czajkowski.

"I'm very pleased with the teachers' response. I was pleased to see computer courses because of our big push with technology, and I was pleased to see courses related to our new curriculum," Ms. Czajkowski said. "For the first time around, we're able to run a combination of 11 workshops and courses taught by our own staff."

"There will be a lot of credibility given when teachers are learning from their own colleagues. The workshops are a reflection of each department's plans and every activity is something the departments think is important," she said.

In-House Talent

In previous years, the School Department relied more on outside consultants to present professional development workshops. Since taking over responsibility for professional development two years ago, it has been Ms. Czajkowski's goal to rely more on in-house talent than on outside consultants.

Workshops topping the list of approved workshops in terms of enrollment included a proposal submitted by Clark School teachers Doris Early and Joyce Rheame, *A Survival Kit for Learning Disabilities in Regular Education* and a workshop led by a publishing company representative titled *Using the Houghton Mifflin Integrated Theme Assignments*.

Courses attracting the largest enrollments included *Math Manipulative Workshop*, led by teachers Linda Morassi of Granger School and Jude Spellacy of Robinson Park School, and *Computer Based Learning Activities*, proposed by Tech Ed Coordinator John Burns, Computer Science Department Liaison Jim Graveline, and Junior High School Librarian Karen Shugrue.

Courses and workshops that did not garner enough participants for the fall semester covered a wide range of topics, including DNA biotechnology, helping students cope with the loss of a loved one, modern poetry, and strategies and techniques for heterogeneous classrooms.

The School Department will offer a second semester of workshops and courses in the spring, Ms. Czajkowski said.

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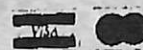
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At Robinson Park School... New Art Studio Boosts Students' Interest And Creativity

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At Robinson Park School, the students still look forward to their lessons with art teacher Marcia Scherpa. They still enjoy learning how to use color, design, shape, and textures to create artworks. They still talk about the ways artists manipulate naturally occurring designs, like spider webs and feathers, to create new designs and patterns.

The lessons haven't changed dramatically, but the way the children think about art and themselves as artists will never be quite the same.

After more than 10 years of loading a cart with art supplies and traveling around the building with a makeshift studio on wheels, Mrs. Scherpa welcomes the students to the school's new fully-furnished and well-supplied artists' studio. It's a place both teacher and students love coming to work in.

"I feel like I have a new job," Mrs. Scherpa said. "It's a whole new experience and it's so enjoyable on both sides — for the teacher and the students."

The second-graders in Kathleen Breuninger's class chorused an emphatic "no!" to the suggestion that Mrs. Scherpa should return to the traveling cart system they were used to before the new library addition freed up a room for the art studio.

As they put the finishing touches on mosaic designs substituting an assortment of dried peas, beans, corn, and barley for ceramic tile, the children were eager to talk about why they like coming to the art room so much better than staying in their classroom.

Students Like "Specialized" Furniture...

Most of what the kids like about being in the studio centered on the specialized furniture, like the kid-sized work tables and stools, that makes it easier for them to gather up the supplies they need and return to a work table to complete their projects.

For the mosaic project, Mrs. Scherpa set out the supplies on a table dubbed the Old Country Buffet, where the kids eagerly picked up their "plates" (a sheet of paper), "utensils" (bottles of glue), and helped themselves, one cup at a time, to the "selections" (jars of green, yellow, and white peas and beans).

Back at their work stations, the students used the various colors of the pantry staples to fill in the sections of design "tiles" they had created the previous week using cardboard for the background and string for the grout. The finished designs will be on display at Parents' Night so that "everyone will see what wonderful artists we have here," Mrs. Scherpa said.

Student **Maxwell Peterson** likes being able to see the art works of other classrooms on display, and sitting on the stools at the art tables makes it easier to keep your feet on the ground and move around the room. **Meghan McGuire** said she likes sitting on the stools because "you get to be up in the air."

Erin Saunders agreed, saying, "The stools are better because you don't just have to sit there. You can sit up and do your work better without bending down."

"This is a real artists' studio, not just another classroom," Mrs. Scherpa said. "This is a place for the children to experiment and explore. The art room is a place where they can think differently about their work, share ideas and materials, and work cooperatively. And their creativity in working on an art project won't be limited to whatever materials I had on the cart."

"Now, they'll have access to all of the supplies we have. If a student decides that feathers would be a good addition to a design, we can talk about that and we'll be able to use them," she said.

Agawam Library To Present Puppet Show On Sat., Nov. 14th

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to the library on Saturday, November 14th, for a performance by the Robert Rogers Puppets.

They will be performing "Aesop's Fables" in celebration of Children's Book Week. The performance is from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and registration is a must.

Please call 789-1550, or visit the library to register.

Marching Mohawks Address Residents' Questions Regarding Colorguard's Costumes

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Bringing home gold medals, like the one they recently won at a competition at Enrico Fermi High School in Enfield, is nothing new for the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks Festival Band and Colorguard.

Neither is hearing judges comment on the spectacular effect the Colorguard's costumes have in piquing interest in their performance even before they begin their field show.

Unfortunately, the Colorguard is also used to fielding questions from townspeople who wonder why the performance group isn't showing their school spirit by wearing costumes in the school's traditional colors of orange and brown.

AHS Band President (senior) **Nathan Meade** says the reason the Colorguard dresses in costume, rather than in orange and brown uniforms, is simple.

"It's a show—an act, and the costumes give a nice opening statement for our performance. The costumes give a nice contrast on the field and the judges can't wait to see our show," Nathan said.

Key Word Is "Color"

Band Director **Tamara Watson** agreed. "The key to understanding what the Colorguard adds to our performance on the field is 'color.' If we did what some townspeople want us to do and dressed in orange and brown outfits, we'd be the oddballs at a competition. We're following the trend toward creative contrast in our Colorguard and we get high scores for the general effect because of the colorful costumes. Unfortunately, orange and brown uniforms on a green football field would be boring."

And this year's field show is anything but boring. The main body of the Marching Mohawks band still wears the traditional orange, brown, and white parade uniforms, but the auxiliary units—the battery percussion, pit percussion, and Colorguard—all are in costumes tied to the theme of the show. This year, it's a western show, featuring music familiar to anyone who's a fan of Hollywood westerns.

The 28-member Colorguard is decked out in multi-color calico dresses and sunbonnets a la "Little House on the Prairie." The percussion sections are dressed in denim shirts, blue jeans, and bandannas—all typical of the garb on the western frontier in the days of the wild, wild west.

Adding to the fun are cowboy hats and props depicting a frontier town. Besides the trademark Conestoga wagon, backdrops have been built to create the illusion of a frontier town. There's a saloon, a bank, and even a jail.

"The backdrops are placed like scenery around the field to make the drill more creative by having the kids appearing and disappearing behind the scenery throughout the show," Miss Watson said.

Working long hours to perfect their performance only to have their school spirit questioned because they are not wearing "school colors" is an issue the Colorguard and band members would like to put to rest.

"The band and Colorguard have as much school spirit as anyone. Just because we don't dress in orange and brown doesn't mean we don't

November 16th Mtg. To Discuss Sixth Grade Trip To Washington

A second meeting for the sixth grade Washington trip is planned for Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Middle School cafeteria.

The agenda for this meeting will be to decide whether this trip will be for five days/four nights or six days/five nights. The cost difference will be approximately \$75 per student; therefore, the five-day trip will cost no more than \$400 and the six-day trip no more than \$475 per student. This must be confirmed so we can continue booking our trip.

This trip to New York (Statue of Liberty), Washington D.C., and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is open to sixth-graders who live in Agawam or attend Agawam Middle School. This is not an Agawam school-sponsored trip. Each student is able to earn money toward the trip by selling candy bars through our fundraiser, which will be able to be picked up at this meeting. (A deposit for the trip must be received before a family can take any candy.)

Deposits of \$50 are being accepted now, with additional payments due in December, January, and February. Checks should be made out to the *Washington Trip Account* and mailed in care of Rachel Thomas, 43 Janelle Dr., Agawam, MA 01001-2735. If you have any further questions, please call 786-9896 any evening.

Keep looking for correspondence and information from flyers through school and *The Agawam Advertiser News*!



THE COSTUMES WORN BY Agawam High School's Colorguard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

have school spirit," said senior **Emily Tampone**.

According to junior **Amanda Cunningham**, "It's easier for us to express the theme of the show if we're dressed in character. We can show our school spirit in more ways than by wearing orange and brown."

Band Vice-President (senior) **Evan Konopka** points out that the performance groups are showing their school spirit by putting on the kind of show that can best represent the High School and win competitions.

Parades Only A Small Part

Maybe some of the misunderstanding about the Colorguard uniforms can be traced to the fact that many townspeople only see the group at The Big E parade on Agawam Day each September. But, parades are the smallest part of what the Marching Mohawks is all about.

"We do more performances than parades," Evan said. "Already, we've done 10 shows, but only two parades."

The competition marching season will be coming to an end for the Marching Mohawks on November 8th at the state finals at Boston University. But, townspeople can still catch a performance at Harmon Smith Field at the November 13th home football game. And for those who really know what school spirit is all about, there's the Thanksgiving morning football game being held at West Springfield this year.

The Marching Mohawks will be there, regardless of the usually freezing temperatures and uncertain weather, while most folks enjoy the warmth of home and the smells of turkeys roasting in their ovens.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 9th: Steamed frank-furt in a roll, oven baked beans, seasoned green and wax beans medley, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, November 10th: Veal patty, parmesan sandwich, seasoned broccoli, and macaroni, blueberry crisp, milk.

Wednesday, November 11th: Veterans' Day (no school).

Thursday, November 12th: Sloppy Joe in roll, seasoned niblet corn, steamed parsley rice, fresh Mac apple, milk.

Friday, November 13th: Roast turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned diced carrots, dinner roll with butter, ice cream, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")



MOLLY BROOKS and her grandfather, both of Feeding Hills, enjoyed themselves during "Grandparents Appreciation Day" at Springfield Christian School.

"Grandparents Appreciation Day" At Christian School

Springfield Christian School was the setting for the annual "Grandparents Appreciation Day," which took place on October 15th.

Clouds gave way to a sunny day as grandparents traveled from as far north as Manchester, New Hampshire, and as far south as Greenwich, Connecticut.

There were 70 grandparents in attendance at the school's program this year. Each grandparent had the opportunity to attend classes with their grandchild; to share with students some of their personal background and experiences; and to view artwork posted in the restaurant and photographs of grandparents on display in the lobby.

Students from various grades participated in the program by singing a number of different songs, two of which were "Grandpa's Charm" and "Grandma's House." Singing was followed by a drawing for door prizes, and then a group photo of grandparents and grandchildren was taken. Refreshments were later enjoyed in the restaurant.

Springfield Christian School appreciates the impact grandparents have on the lives of their grandchildren. Thank you, grandparents!

Agawam Junior High Slates Parent/Teacher Conference Night

On Thursday, November 19th, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

During the week of November 9th, teachers will mail home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences. Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 821-0566, either Monday, November 16th or Tuesday, November 17th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation, but still wish to see an individual teacher, should contact the guidance office on Wednesday, November 18th between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited number of appointments have been made available for those parents.

He points out that any parent calling Wednesday, but not able to schedule an appointment for November 19th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Mr. Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Mr. Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

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Agawam High's Guidance News

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or application.

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American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest - Open to U.S. citizens who are in high school. Scholarship awards are presented to three finalists in the Final Round of the National competition as follows: first place, \$18,000; second place, \$16,000; and third place, \$14,000.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to qualified students who plan to attend that college: Rutgers University; Skidmore College for science & math majors; Bridgewater of Virginia.

Cashe for Education is a free internet scholarship service. Scholarship information can be found at the following addresses: www.cashe.com and www.salliemae.com.

A **Financial Aid Seminar** sponsored by Congressman Richard Neal will be held at Springfield Technical Community College on **Sunday, November 22, 1998.**

Open Houses: See your counselor for more information.

Juniata College, Nov. 22nd-23rd; Skidmore College - Art Portfolio Reviews, Nov. 14th or Feb. 6th; Hofstra University of Technology Day, Nov. 15th; State University of New York at Plattsburgh, Nov. 14th, Nov. 21st, Dec. 5th; Mass. College of Liberal Arts, Nov. 11th, Nov. 21st; Drew University, Nov. 21st; Curry College, Nov. 15th; New Hampshire College, Nov. 8th; Hofstra University Technology Day, Nov. 15th; New England School of Communications, Nov. 14th; Sage Junior College of Albany, Nov. 10th; Daemen College, Nov. 13th-15th; Regis College November Overnight, Nov. 8th & 9th.

Seniors: Remember that college applications are due in the guidance office between Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you need any assistance with college selection or applications, see your counselor!

Financial Aid Night will be held December 8th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Dr. Lee Sirois will be here to explain the financial aid process and help parents complete the FAFSA and Profile. Both forms will be distributed that evening.

When Something Is Mentionable, It Becomes Manageable

How many times have you used all your energy just to keep something a secret? You succeed in keeping the secret, but slowly the hidden problem eats away at you. You feel agitated. You feel stuck. You're unable to move forward and go on

with your life. Indeed, the secret has not given you the desired freedom; instead, it has entrapped you.

Think about the following. Beth comes into my office. Looking at her, I can see that she is upset. Between sobs, she simply tells me that she is having a bad day. With gentle prodding, I finally ascertain the real problem.

The unmentionable becomes mentionable. A test has just been returned to her and she has received a failing grade. The world has ended. What can she do?

We talk for a while; mainly I listen as she tells me that she has studied, she has tried, yet she just can't get the material. As I listen, she seems to take a deep breath, then looks down at her hands.

"Well," I say in an attempt to have her continue. She hesitates, then slowly looks up and with tears running down her cheeks, she says, "I just don't know what to do. My parents will kill me. I'll be grounded!" Aha, I think to myself. There's the second problem. Yes, the grade is bad, but she's also worried about parental response.

Now the cards are out on the table and we can deal with them. The problems have been mentioned, so together we can manage them. We talk about her parents for a while and they emerge as decent, interested people who just want their daughter to do her best and succeed. Next, we discuss ways that Beth can succeed. She can go for extra help, find a tutor, work with a friend, take better notes, and learn some new study skills.

As we continue to talk, I tell Beth that I will call her parents and have them come in and sit down with the teacher, Beth, and me. With all of us present, I am sure a solution can be found.

Well, the story has a happy ending. We have a very fruitful discussion. Beth has not been approaching the material correctly, but now that she has mentioned her problem, it can be managed. The problem with her parents rectified itself, too.

Actually, the problem was imagined, not real. Beth had let it blow up to huge proportions in her mind. Her parents were not going to ground her; rather, they wanted to help her. By mentioning her fear of consequences to her parents, Beth and her parents were able to deal successfully with the issue. By realizing her parents were understanding, Beth was able to fully discuss her scholastic problems with them.

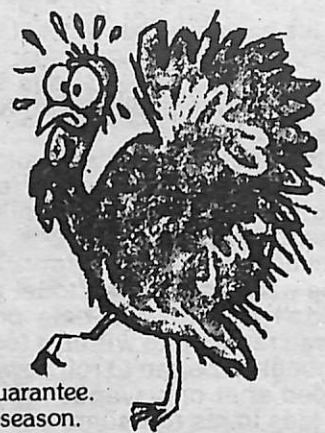
Because Beth had mentioned what was bugging her, she could now put her energies into becoming successful. Her anxiety lessened and finally cleared. With her new found sense of security and calm, Beth was better able to tackle the subject that was giving her trouble. In Beth's case, when her problems became mentionable, they became manageable.

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Sports

Rousseau Takes 2nd Place At On State Links

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The scenic heights of the Springfield Country Club played host to the Division I State Schoolboy Golf Championships on Monday, November 2nd. The vistas of the surrounding Pioneer Valley from up there are so soothing, that many say on a bad golf day, you can just turn around and the view will take away any thoughts of flinging your bag into the nearest water hazard.

On this day, high winds and cold, early-November temperatures made for high scores and the leaves blew across glass-smooth grass, giving young linksters with usually iron nerves a bad case of the yips.

The individual title was won by Barnstable High out of Cape Cod (329). The individual crown went to Barnstable's Lee Dion (77, 37-40). Agawam's Chris Rousseau was second in that category, with a 78 (43-35). Agawam's other individual entrant, sophomore Andy Green, shot a 90 (45-45), which put him in sole possession of 14th place among the field of 37 entrants.

For Rousseau, the Western Mass. champion in 1996 who was now competing in his final tournament as a Brownie, it was a day that saw the senior go from the depths to the heights, and not just those upon which he was playing. "I was happy because as the day went on, I played better. That's the way you like to see things go," he said afterwards.

In the shotgun start, he teed off on the third hole. Things went sour quickly. He double bogeyed the par four, 344-yard fifth (when one of his shots hit a tree limb hanging over the fairway). He had to scramble after that.

A wild drive to the left caused him to have a poor shot at the pin on the par four, 335-yard seventh. "I needed to draw the ball in, but it didn't draw enough," he said.

That would be his second double bogey of the round. He would have three in all, along with two bogies. He would be six over after his first seven holes.

Rousseau could have blamed it on the wind, but that isn't his style. He played the next 10 holes in two under par. "The bogies bothered me a little," he admitted.

Challenging The Kids...

Springfield Country Club, which is one of the finest courses in Western Massachusetts, has been set up to challenge the kids (especially the greens, which had been cut to billiard table quality). It was no more evident than when Rousseau came to the 337-yard, par four 17th, which was part of his back nine because of the shotgun start. Birdies on the first two holes; the 463-yard, par five 12th; the 480-yard, par five 13th; and par golf after that had him playing with two under par confidence.

His tee shot was perfect, allowing for a good run at the pin. He hit it on, 20 feet to the right of the flag. "The greens were really fast, especially that one," he noted.

It sloped from back to front. That slope, along with the wind, threatened to let any ball roll away if it didn't go into the hole on your first putt. Rousseau ran it up to within a foot of the cup. And sure enough, it began to roll down the hill. Luckily, it stopped after only wandering a foot.

Two kids in his foursome had the ball roll away a yard or more on their first miss. Rousseau nailed his second putt for a tough par save and headed out to the 18th, which would see his best shot of the tournament.

It's a par three, 179-yard high hillside layout. You never want to push it left because there's a chance you could end up down in the Ivanhoe Restaurant parking lot over in West Side.

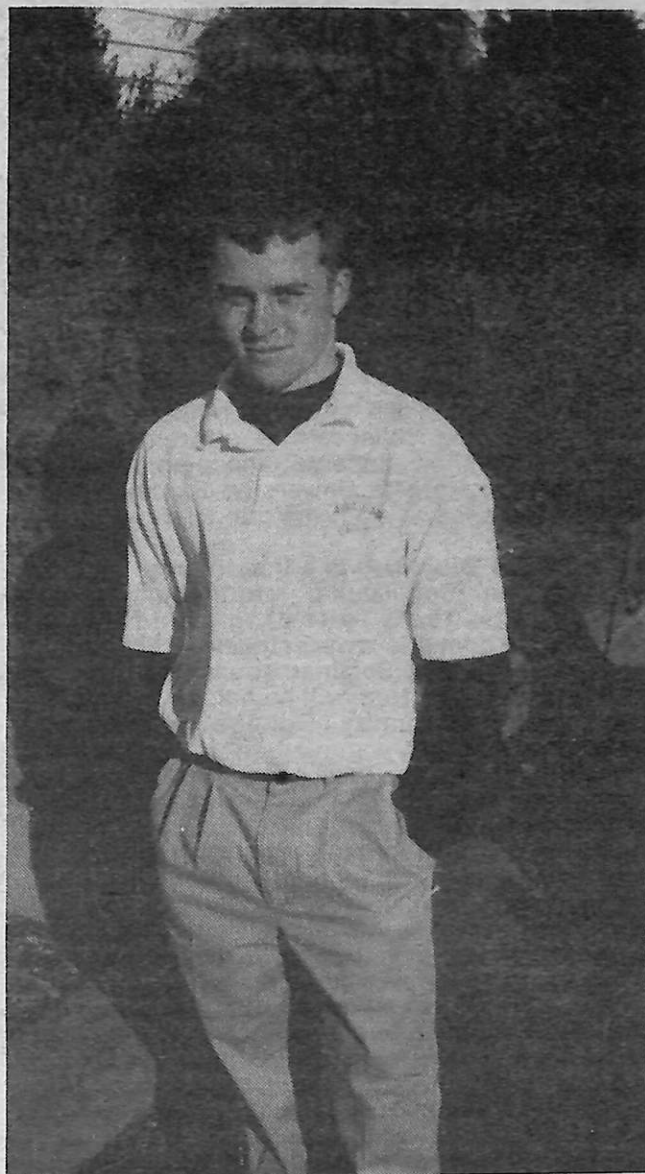
Rousseau's tee shot drew left and bounced off a cart path coming up the side of the hill. It looked like a Baltimore chop as it went up and over a small rise and landed in a sand trap on the other side of it, 75 yards away and 50 feet below the green.

"I'm thinking to myself when I get the ball, 'Great, what do I do now?'" Chris said.

Considering his options...

What he did was consider his options, take a deep breath, and swing. It was as perfect a shot as you'd see on the PGA tour. The ball came in on a high, lazy arc and plopped softly to rest, 20 feet from the pin. He walked onto the green, applauded by the faithful who were his gallery that day. He then drained the putt, saving yet another par.

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AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR CHRIS ROUSSEAU (left) placed second at the Division I State Schoolboy Golf Championship this past Monday at Springfield Country Club. Teammate Andy Green (right), a sophomore, placed 14th in the field of 37 entrants. Advertiser News photos by

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Field Hockey Review...

Field Hockey Ends '98 Slate At 3-8-5 With Few Regrets

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team finished up the season at 3-8-5. Though this was a far cry from the Western Mass. playoffs, the record fails to illustrate the team's hard play and effort.

Yet, Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner feels they could have made the post-season fun: "This team had the ability to rise above other teams. We had a decent defense, giving up only 13 goals before the two season-ending games against Southwick."

They lost 1-0, 3-0 to the Rams of Southwick last week. The club managed only seven goals this year. Senior Patty Zerra led the way with three. Putting the ball in the net was a problem, considering the fact that last season they knocked in 32.

The coach defended the point production this way: "We concentrated on building our defense this year. The front line felt the pressure." She continued by stressing, "They did well, considering."

Did the five ties concern her? "No, but the losses did," she said. "We lost five games by a score of 1-0. We could compete with those teams in those games. Things just didn't work out," Lemnah-Warner said.

She feels the high point of the season was the fact that she had such a quality group of girls to work with. "Any parent would be proud to have the kids I had on this club. They were outgoing and caring. I took my two young daughters, Katie and Ellie, to all our double practice sessions back in August. They looked up to my players."

There was no low point in 1998, according to the coach. "Not one low point for me! Maybe that is the great compliment I can pay them."

A Key Game...

If there was a key game, it came against Westfield High towards season's end, according to Lemnah-Warner. In that one, junior Sarah Prussman made a supreme effort, leaping over fallen keeper Mary Elizabeth Dupelle to knock away a shot which had goal written all over it, thus preserving a 0-0 tie. "That could very well have set the tone for next year. The whole team made such an effort," Lemnah-Warner said.

She will lose 10 seniors. "We'll miss them for sure. But we've been developing players to take their place."

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He parred the par four first hole and went to the second, a par three 108-yarder. At that point, he was two under. There was a foursome on the green and a foursome waiting, which meant Rousseau's foursome had a good 20-minute wait before it was their turn.

When it was, disaster struck. Rousseau hit his first shot into the swamp guarding the front of the hole. Two of the others also found grief — one into the swamp with Rousseau, the other wide into the left cart path. Rousseau hit again and hit the green. He was 30 feet away but laying three. His two putt gave him a double bogey and a six over, 78.

Would things have been different had there been no wait in the chill wind? It makes one question the wisdom of jamming up too many people at one short hole.

Agawam's Green had this to say of his round: "I played awful. I couldn't make anything happen on the greens." He was referring to the fact that his putts weren't dropping. He felt his birdies on 18 and four (par four, 325 yards) were the high points of his day. A quadruple bogey seven on number eight was the low point of his round.

"I hit the ball out of bounds twice, then three-putted," the sophomore said with a shrug.

Green says he'll learn a lot from the tournament. "I know how tough the competition is now. It'll help me next year."

Agawam's team scores read (beside Rousseau's and Green's) like this: number four, freshman Bill Menard, 90 (41-49); number three, junior Shawn Biebel, 91 (47-44); number five, junior Ryan Morgan, 94 (45-49); and number six, junior Jason Rosenberg, 105 (55-50).

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AGAWAM HIGH FIELD HOCKEY players Amanda Sternowski, Jen Harvey, Danielle DeForge, Tara Fleming, and Heather Hughes loosen-up before a recent game at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

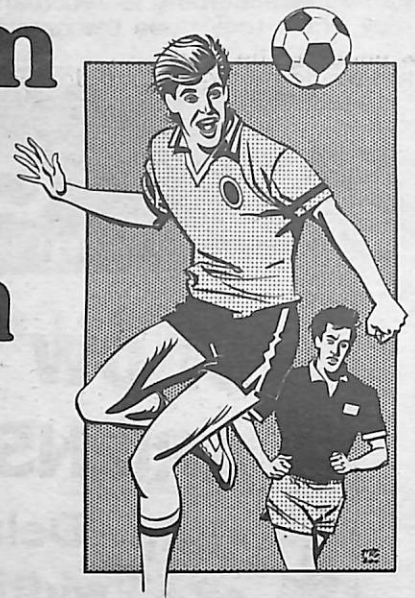
The coach feels in addition to the six returning juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman, the junior varsity figures in because of something she did at the start of the season. "We didn't cut anyone. They either made the varsity, played junior varsity, or went to the freshman. That means we will have a lot of experienced players to choose from next time around," she smiled.

Key kids coming back include Prussman,

Amanda Sternowski, and sophomore Jen Pietroniro. Also back will be goalie Mary Elizabeth Dupelle for her senior season and fourth year on the club.

"In the end, our record in no way reflects on the kids. Many will go on to play the game in college at every level. They all have great character and integrity. I was proud to coach them," Lemnah-Warner smiled.

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Agawam/Central Football Preview...

Strong Central High Grid Team Invading Harmon Smith Field

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When the Central High Golden Eagles invade Harmon Smith Field Friday night, it will be a game involving two football teams that should be in ugly moods. The Brownies are coming off a 27-22 loss to Westfield High, a game the team feels they gave away by virtue of five turnovers.

Central also lost last week, 21-7, to archrival Holyoke High, which was a blow to their hopes for another AA Conference crown and a return to the Division I Super Bowl.

Last year, the Division I Super Bowl champs beat the Brownies, 47-0.

The two teams have played three common opponents this season - Westfield, Minnechaug, and Holyoke. Agawam lost to the Bombers, 27-22. Central beat them, 21-0. The Brownies fell to the Falcons, 27-13, and the Purple Knights, 37-26. Central whipped the Falcons, 22-13, but lost to Holyoke, 21-7.

Some Potent Central Weapons

Central has some potent weapons. All Western-Mass. senior running back Sha'ki Wheeler, who has amassed almost 800 yards rushing to go along with nine touchdowns, is one. Six-foot, one-inch, 190-pound senior tight end Greg Devine, 5'10", 180-pound junior quarterback Sean Legacy (1 touchdown pass, 3 touchdowns rushing), and speedy running back Gary Huff are the others.

To that end, the Brownies have been working hard all week on their defense.

"Our main job will be to stop Wheeler. He's a slashing runner who can go anywhere on the field," Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli noted. "We'll have to secure the middle of their offensive line and make sure our linebackers fill the gaps."

They also worry about Devine. "He has to be one of the fastest receivers in Western Mass. His pass receptions set up touchdowns. He is also an excellent blocker," Vecchiarelli said.

The Brownies don't plan to get fancy on defense. "We'll be in our fundamental set with some variations. It's not a good idea to take chances against them," he added.

One offensive thing the Eagles do is something their coach, Dan McLaughlin, has done wherever he's gone, according to Vecchiarelli. "They have a play where they flood the outside zone to either

side of the field. They send the wide-out deep, the tight end into a middle out route, and the running back into the flat. It's really effective because the defense has to recognize what they're doing. It's a quick read situation. If you don't read it, you're in trouble."

The Central defense is anchored by 6', 200-pound linebacker Kim Sturdivant and Devine, who is also a good linebacker on pass defense (two interceptions) and a hard hitter. Wheeler is also a defensive back and covers well. Julius Lewis, a 6', 220-pound guard handles the middle of the defensive line. He gets help from 6', 250-pound tackle Rick Hutchinson.

"We know what they have on that side of the ball. We're not going to change our offense. It will be the option and sets off of it. Brian (Gallagher) will pound up the middle, which will come as no surprise to them," Vecchiarelli said. He stressed that their success in this game will depend upon how well they take care of the ball.

Locals Have Slight Height/Weight Edge

Up and down the offensive and defensive lines, Agawam has a slight edge in height and weight. Those are departments, however, where you either win or lose battles by just being meaner and tougher than the guy across from you.

Central has more team speed with Wheeler and Devine in the lineup.

In seven games, Agawam has scored 141 points this year for an average of 20.1 ppg. They've given up 158 (22.5 points against). The Golden Eagles have produced 126 points in seven contests (18 ppg.) They've been stingy on defense - 97 points (13.8 points against).

On the injury front, Eric Pederson has a broken thumb on his right hand, suffered last week. He has a cast up to his elbow, but in practice it doesn't appear to bother him. Tackle Mike Wood has a slight strain of his right knee. But, he seems ready to go.

JV & FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: The JV's lost to Westfield on Monday afternoon, 6-0, running their record to 4-2-1. The freshmen lost to Westfield on Friday afternoon, 14-6. They are now 10-6.

Volleyball Review...

AHS Volleyball Learns A Lot In Inaugural Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The initial girls' volleyball season at Agawam High School is over.

The team, under Coach Pat Demers, wound up 3-12. It wasn't a bad slate for the kids, considering the closest most got to the game before this varsity baptism of fire was maybe down the beach or in their back yard.

"Of course, they are young and inexperienced," Demers said of her club. "This is a mental game. They are beginning to realize that; at least they did at the end of the season," she smiled.

The coach noted that the team, made up of 20 players but only four seniors, fought for their points. "They didn't lose big all year long. I think the numbers showed how much they tried to be in to the game. Around the midway point, they were taking the matches to three games and playing tough in that third game," Demers noted, adding that their passing and spiking techniques improved, along with defense and service games.

The Finer Points Of Volleyball...

Demers made the point that every day in practice, she tried to talk to them about the finer points of volleyball. "I told them about having self-confidence in their ability because many of them have ability," she said.

One thing she would like to see is the players get some organized playing time outside of the high school season. "There are programs in the area offering competition. I think they would help the kids focus a little more."

There will definitely be some talent coming back. Freshman Amanda Brown is one. She turned into a good server as the season progressed. Junior Jill Moccio proved to be a leader. Juniors Tammy Norton and Laura Reveruzzi will be called upon for senior leadership, as well.



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Agawam vs. Westfield Football...

Turnovers Spell Doom For AHS As Late Rally Foiled By WField 27-22

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli hit the mark with this observation after his Brownies lost, 27-22, last Friday evening to visiting Westfield at chilly Harmon Smith Field.

"You could be playing the worst team there is, but if you turn the ball over as many times as we did in that one, you won't win anything."

Amen. Read the stat sheet—three fumbles, a bad snap on a punt, and an interception told the story.

This Agawam misadventure in football, however, started out looking good for the home team. After the defense stopped the initial Bomber possession, the offense went to work behind their bread and butter (or maybe we should say, big beef) back Brian Gallagher. A Westfield punt went awry and the Brownies had the ball at the Bomber 25. Gallagher carried five times for 16 yards.

Quarterback Brian St. Jean had nine more. Gallagher finished things off with a one-yard touchdown plunge. The kick didn't make it. But the Brownies were up 6-0 with 6:55 left in the first quarter.

Up Close & Personal

The Bombers met the Agawam defense up close and personal in the form of Mike Wood, Jason Daigneau, St. Jean, and others on their next possession. Agawam got the ball back at its own 24. Gallagher, who would have 126 yards on 28 carries (plus two touchdowns), got the call to start out this series. He fumbled the ball at the Agawam 35. The Bombers recovered it and had a first and 10 to work with. They got the ball inside the Agawam five-yard line. But some good defensive work by Marc Pedraza, Gallagher, and a blocked pass by Frank Ferrentino stopped the threat. The quarter ended with the Brownies hanging on to the 6-0 lead.

Agawam ran one play to start the second quarter, then St. Jean lost it again, this time at the Brownie 26. Again, the defense stepped up. Pedraza and Alex Almquist made some great hits. (Almquist leveled Bomber quarterback Phil Frost on a roll left.)

Westfield went for it on fourth and 10 at the Agawam 20. A pass into the endzone was picked off on a leaping effort by Daigneau, who returned the ball to the Agawam 34. They could do little with the ball, so a booming, 45-yard punt by St. Jean pinned Westfield at its 21-yard line. The

Bombers went to work.

They had a third and five at their 45 when Frost hooked up on a 55-yard scoring pass to tight end Matt Van Voorhis. It had to be frustrating, because Daigneau had good coverage on the play. The Bomber just out-jumped the Brownie. The kick gave Westfield a 7-6 lead with 4:43 left in the half.

Agawam got the ball on the kickoff at its own 36-yard line. Gallagher, who must have felt like the football was a fur ball and he was a big cat, coughed it up again. Westfield recovered at its own 45.

Westfield Takes The Lead

Behind some shifty running by Bob Shaw, they brought the ball to the Brownie one, where Shaw shoved it home with 1:17 left. After the kick, Westfield came back upfield enjoying a 14-6 lead.

The Brownies had the ball at their 42-yard line with 1:12 left on the clock. St. Jean (5-11, 73 yards, 1 int.) promptly hit tight end Marc Pedraza (1-6) for six yards. A St. Jean five-yard run gave them a first and 10 at the Westfield 47.

Then St. Jean put it up and was promptly picked off by Rich Baker with 28 seconds left. That turnover, Agawam's fourth, ended the half with Westfield up, 14-6.

The Brownies went nowhere on their first possession of the second half. They found another way to give up the ball, though this time off a bad snap on the attempted punt. Westfield recovered at the Agawam 23-yard line. Eight plays later, they scored on a Frost to Baker 11-yard pass at the 7:12 mark. The point after took them out to a 21-6 lead. The Brownies seemed to be heading down the tubes.

One guy who wasn't quite ready for that trip was Gallagher. The Brownies had the ball at their own 28 after the kick-off. They went on a 15 play, 72-yard march of 6:20 with St. Jean lugging the leather 10 times for 48 of them. He would cap it off with a one-yard touchdown with 52 seconds left in the third. The two-point conversion from St. Jean to Pedraza worked, bringing the Brownies to within seven at 21-14.

Locals Get Break Early In The Fourth

Agawam got a break early in the fourth quarter to stop a big Bomber threat when Daigneau got his second interception of the game at the Agawam 10 and brought it out to the 45

Behind some excellent blocking from Eric Pederson, Mike Lovely, and Bob Fuller, the Brownies began another march. This one covered 55 yards in seven plays, highlighted by a St. Jean (10-70, one touchdown) 18-yard keeper around left end for the score.

Vecchiarelli called for the two-point conversion. Gallagher went around right end and got it, behind a big block by Frank Ferrentino. Just like that, it stood at 22-21. Brownies, with 7:19 to play in the game. And the faithful, who had lost faith, suddenly got it back.

Just as the Bombers did. They scrambled for and got the go-ahead score with 2:49 left after a march up the field followed the AHS touchdown.

Agawam saw another opportunity when the Bombers missed the two-point conversion. Down 27-22, six points would give them the win. There was time to do it.

The Brownies brought the kickoff out to their own 38. Gallagher worked the middle. A 34-yard, St. Jean to Daigneau (2-51 yds) completion brought it to the Westfield 31. A bullet over the middle on fourth and eight was briefly bobbled by Daigneau. But his concentration paid off with a first and 10 at the 11 with 55 seconds left. Gallagher picked up four, bringing the ball to the seven-yard line on the next play.

Then disaster struck. The pitch to the left got away and rolled back to the Bomber 24-yard line, making it third and 17. St. Jean tried another pass, which fell incomplete to a diving Pedraza inside the five.

Agawam had 27 ticks left on the clock when St. Jean hit Ryan Longtin (2-13 yds) over the middle. But the six-yard effort wasn't long enough. Westfield took over on downs and simply knelt out the final seconds. "We did play well in the second half," Vecchiarelli noted. He then added, "But the biggest factor to winning versus losing is turnovers. We aren't going to blame the cold. We have to take care of the football."

Agawam fell to 3-4 and 1-3. Westfield went to 3-4, 2-2 in the AA game.

BROWNIE NOTES: With his two touchdowns in the game, Gallagher now has nine for the year, plus two two-point conversions for a total of 58 points. Agawam's next opponent will be Central High on Friday night at Harmon Smith Field.

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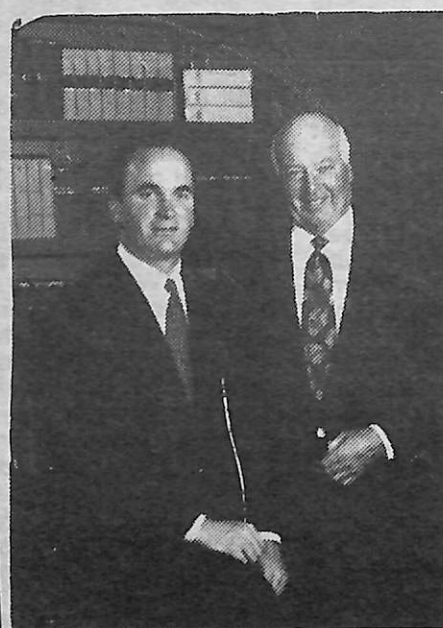
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Profile - Dave Thomas, Boys' Soccer...

Dave Thomas Is Rock Solid For AHS Boys' Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Dave Thomas has been a captain of the Agawam High boys' soccer team for two straight years. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Dave is 18 years-old. His birthday was August 20th. He is at a solid height and weight for a soccer players — 5'11" and 155 pounds. He has spent four years at the High School. He is carrying a curriculum of physics, advanced math, English 12, plus electives.

While he has no favorite course, his top teacher is psychology instructor Edward Merrill. Right now he has no plans for college. "I'm not quite sure what I want to do yet," he said.

He plays soccer and used to run track. This year, things will be a little different for him. There will be a boys' varsity volleyball team at AHS this spring. "I'm going to try that, rather than track," Dave noted.

Not surprisingly, soccer is his favorite sport. This year, he has five goals and three assists for the Brownies, who (at this writing) were getting ready for a season-ending match against West Springfield. He has had a couple of two-goal games to date: in the season-opening 4-1 win over Amherst Regional, and a 4-1 victory over Pioneer.

His most memorable sports moment came two years ago in 1996 as a sophomore when the team made it all the way to the Western Mass. Division I finals, where they lost, 5-1 to Cathedral.

Comments On The Current Soccer Season...

His take on the current season goes like this: "We played tough, but we also could have done better. Most of our games were even-up. We just

had some trouble putting the ball in the net when we had to."

At this writing, Agawam is 6-9-2. That record will, of course, change depending upon the West Side result. They will not be in the playoffs this year, however.

Dave's favorite food are the chicken wings down at E.B. Restaurant. They're served at different temperatures. He likes them hot.

Green is his favorite color.

His ride would be a Shelby Cobra — that hot, two-seat muscle car they used to make in Great Britain years ago.

The New England Patriots are his top team.

Does he have a favorite place to hang out when he wants to relax? "Not really, I don't relax too much," the Brownie booter smiled.

He likes to dress casually in clothes from The Gap, Abercrombie and Fitch, or American Eagle.

His taste in music runs to rock.

"Friends" tops the tube for him. "Armageddon" is his favorite flick.

His folks' names are Mary and Mark. He has a younger brother, Mike, a sophomore on the junior varsity soccer team. His older sister, Jamie, is a student at Westfield State and was a basketball and track standout at AHS.

He looks up to his dad because he is a good guy, in general.

He would like to be remembered at AHS as a nice guy who enjoyed a good time.

"Dave is the most versatile player I've seen. He can play every position on the field, and has. He leads by example and is all heart," Coach Dwight Northrup said of his senior captain.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR Dave Thomas.

Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

West Side Clinches Smith Division With Win Over Brownies, 4-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The great rivalry between Agawam High and West Springfield High would seem to be incentive enough for a great night of sports whenever the two schools meet, whatever the sport.

In boys' soccer Monday evening at gusty and just plain cold Harmon Smith Field, there was another ingredient added to the mix. West Side was going for the Smith Division crown and a top seed in the Division I playoffs. A win over the Brownies would give it to them.

Agawam was out of the playoffs for the first time since 1994, but it was senior night for the team's 11 members of the Class of 1999, and a win over their ancient rivals would deny the Terriers.

So, what happens? West Springfield stopped the Brownies cold, 4-0, and it was never in doubt.

"We were definitely pumped for this one. None of us could remember the last time this school had won a Smith title in soccer," West Side senior forward Kevin McMenamin said with a smile as wide as his team's winning margin.

The Terrier, who scored two goals and assisted on another, spent most of the evening in the Agawam zone. "Yeah, I've been playing soccer at West Springfield for four years. No one wanted this win more than me, I guess."

Terriers Score With 3:20 Gone

Any possibility that the Brownies were going to play the spoiler's role took a hit with 3:20 gone. The Terriers scored on a partial breakaway through the under-the-gun Agawam defense and it would stay that way all through the long night.

One minute and 20 seconds later, West Side recorded its second goal and only the most devout AHS supporter might have believed this one would not be a tough pill to swallow.

You could tell West Side would not be denied in

this one. From the get-go, they buzzed the Brownie zone at will, despite efforts by Barry Ward, Dave Thomas, Dave Federico, and Joe DeVirgilio to mount an offense.

Finally, at 26:13, after almost 14 minutes laboring before their own net, the Brownies managed a semi-attack. Thomas dribbled the ball down the middle of the field and passed to Ward on the left wing. Ward had a lane and pulled the trigger. The ball just slid past the left post. The corner was open. It was one of the few legitimate chances Agawam would have during the game.

Ward had a cross at 19:50. It was a good idea, except none of his mates could get clear to handle the pass. One of the reasons was the fact that the Terrier defenders were inside the Brownies' shirts. West Side had no such problem. McMenamin, showing great speed, split the Brownie defense at the 9:59 mark and scored from 60-feet out in the middle of the box.

Even though the Brownies were making the effort, the Terriers seemed to be everywhere, on offense and defense, as the half wound down. At the buzzer, they were up 3-0. Agawam had one shot on net. West Side had five.

A Wake-Up Call

A wake-up call was waiting for the Brownies at the start of the second half. And they came out a bit more aggressive. Ward blasted in on the right wing and had a shot at an open half of the Terrier net. The opportunity went sour when he was pulled to the ground by a West Side defender. That brought out a direct kick.

Only a great save by keeper Matt Paddock kept Agawam from getting on the board.

Brian Lopes had a chance at 31:50 on a two-step breakaway. But the Terrier defense, three

steps quicker than any Brownie on this evening, ran him down. The West Springfield defense robbed the Brownies on a left corner throw-in at 28:10. Lopes had a cross to Ward and a chance for a goal at 24:10. Again, the Terriers broke it up.

Perhaps the Brownies' best chance to get some momentum of their own came at the 17-minute mark. DiVirgilio sent a crossing pass in front of the West Side net. Umberto Santaniello snapped a header towards the goal-mouth. Paddock made an inspired save. That was about it for the home team.

West Springfield's final score came on a blast from the right crease with 5:27 left. Agawam keeper Derek Mercadante had no prayer on that one.

Agawam had five second-half shots on net for a total of six. The Terriers had five for a total of 10. The Agawam record ended up at 6-10-2, 2-10. West Side is 10-1-5, 7-1-2 and the tournament-bound top seed.

"They were peaking for the playoffs. They were hungrier and quicker than us. We were flat, even though I thought at times we played well," Agawam Coach Dwight Northrup said after it was over.

JV AND FRESHMAN NOTES: The Agawam JV's, trailing by a goal, tied things up at 1-1 with 7:04 left in the game on a goal by Mike Sullivan. It ended one-all, giving the JV's a season-ending record of 14-2-2. The freshmen had their unbeaten season snapped when they suffered a 1-0 loss at West Springfield. The Terriers scored the goal two minutes into the second half. "It could have gone either way. We had more than one chance," freshman Coach Jeff Rousseau noted. Their final record stands at 14-1-1.

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Ladies' 9 Hole Golf League Ends Season With "Field Day"

On Thursday, October 22nd, the Oak Ridge Golf Club Ladies' 9 Hole League held its season-ending "Field Day."

A total of 28 golfers braved this cold and windy day, and a scramble-team format was followed by a putting contest, luncheon, and awards.

In 1998, the league had a total of 42 registered players. Tournament play throughout the season was held each Thursday morning from April through October.

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All of the ladies send their special thanks to Oak Ridge member and employee Joe Mendes for his kindness and generosity. "Thank you, Joe!"

This league will have openings in 1999. If you are interested, call the Oak Ridge golf shop at 789-7307.

The results of the October 22nd "Field Day" are as follows:

Nancy Caron, Edie Shapiro, Cindy Keeley, Joan Bedard, and Gloria Mador — 35.

Linda Longhi, Ronnie Alexander, Karen Stubbs, Barbara Tapper, and Priscilla Silliman — 37.

Sue Nilsen, Delores Simon, Kathy Losito, and Pauline Slate — 38.

Lois DePalma, Ginny Abraham, Joanne Buoniconti, and Mickey Allen — 38.

Darleen Gonyer, Bert Fournier, Pat Cressotti, Molly Fox, and Nancy Armstrong — 39.

Barbara Childs, Lorraine Denoncourt, Alice Orr, Rose Mandy, and Rose Modzelesky — 40.

Putting Champion: **Bert Fournier.**

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1998 Ladies' Club Champion: **Nancy Caron.**



ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, the competitors in the Ladies' 9 Hole League at Oak Ridge Golf Club — along with Oak Ridge member and employee Joe Mendes (pictured above — were ready for the season-ending "Field Day."

Catholic University Still In First Place...

The Competition Is Growing More And More Fierce In Weekly Tri-Parish Bowling League

Although the weather is getting colder and colder as autumn inevitably progresses toward (ugh!) "Old Man Winter," the action is growing hotter and hotter in the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

They say it's not over 'til the fat lady sings (or, in this case, 'til the last ball is thrown), but the odds are pretty good that Catholic University (20.5-7.5 as of Monday, October 26th) will remain in first place for the rest of the season — unless, of course, its team members develop an inexplicable case of "gutter"-itis.

Meanwhile, the competition among a number of the other league teams is getting dangerously close. Holy Cross is holding onto second, thanks to its 17-11 record by the end of the evening on the last Monday of October.

However, the real battle on the lanes involves St. Mary's (15-13), Fordham (15-13), St. Anselm's (14.5-13.5), Notre Dame (14.5-13.5), Boston College (13.5-14.5), St. Louis (12-16), and St. Michael's (12-16). As you can readily see, any mistakes whatsoever on any or all of these seven teams will truly shake things up in the standings.

Then, of course, there's Georgetown (8-20) 'Nuff said.

On the 26th of October, St. Mary's dominated St. Anselm's, 3-1; Notre Dame had no trouble defeating Boston College, 3.5-0.5; Catholic U. had 3 wins versus Georgetown's 1 win (take heart, G-Town; at least it wasn't a shut-out!); and Holy Cross got the better of St. Louis, 3-1.

With a 142 single string and a 394 triple string, RON "The Don" MENARD was the men's leading scorer on this particular evening, followed by BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY with a 149 single and a 375 triple. The other "burly men of the lanes" were "Richy" RICH SNYDER (140, 375), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (161, 368), "Jolly" OLLY MULDER (126, 359), GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (120, 342), and "Scary" LARRY VIENS (128, 335).

The league's ladies were also impressive on this night, courtesy of "The Mighty" DEBBIE POIRIER's 116 single string and 338 triple string. FLO "Go With The Flow" ROCHFORD was second for the gals with a 114 single and a 328 triple, followed by MARY "Not Larry" THOMAS (121, 316), TERRY "Tuff Stuff" CERPOVICZ (116, 313), JAN "Not The Man" FULLER (111, 299), "Sweet" CAROLINE COELLN (108, 298), and "Testy" BETSY CANNON (106, 294).

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U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Maloney's Titanics	8	0	2	26
Marsh's Black Shadows	7	1	2	23
Pfau's Mad Dogs	5	2	3	18
Olson's Golden Eagles	4	3	3	15
Brewster's Strikers	4	5	2	14
Wood's Blue Jays	3	5	2	11
Prout's Blue Twisters	3	6	1	10
Ruhl's Blue Marauders	2	6	3	9
Morace's Orange	1	9	1	4

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
LaValley's Green Vipers	9	1	1	28
Lyman's Gold Diggers	9	2	0	27
Rollins' Blue Typhoons	8	3	0	24
Gould's Blue Lightning	2	8	1	7
Morace's Red Dynamite	2	9	0	6
Zmaczynski's Orange Tigers	2	9	0	6

U-14 CO-ED	W	L	T	P
Fournier's Agawam Gunners	9	2	0	27
Adams' Smashing Pumpkins	7	3	1	22
Veighey's Green Monkeys	5	5	0	15
Heneghan's Blue	4	5	2	14
Vinton's Gold	0	10	1	1

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STANDINGS

(As Of Nov. 1, 1998)

	W	L	T	P
Spear's Red	8	0	0	24
Comee's Green Destroyers	4	4	0	12
Kelly's Blue	4	4	0	12
Campana's Orange	0	8	0	0

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U9 Agawam Flames Go Undeclared In '98



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNDEFEATED U9 Agawam Flames. The team ended the fall season with a 9-0-3 record. Team members include, back row - Asst. Coach Bob Mattarazzo, Coach Dave Costa, and Asst. Coach Ed Dean. Middle row - Anthony Septembre, Stephen Karaskiewicz, Dave Comee, Andrew Dean, Brandon Showalter, Bryant D'Amours, and Andrew Mattarazzo. Bottom row - Nicholas Grassetti, Angelo DePalma, Steven Costa, Connor Wytrych, Jeffrey Footit, and Andrew Ardolino.

Agawam Boys' Soccer Standings

U12	W L T P		
Moysis' Bulldogs	8 1 3 19	Kopyscinski's Blue Jays	7 1 2 16
Sadowski's Attack	8 1 2 18	Vershon's Blackhawks	7 4 1 15
Nawskon's Killer Bees	5 5 1 11	Goncalves' Agawam Spirit	6 3 2 14
Little's Fighting Irish	4 6 2 10	Parent's White Sharks	4 4 3 11
Prisby's Flame	0 11 0 0	Gonyeau's Invaders	2 5 3 7
		Mongeau's Yellow Jackets	2 4 3 7
U10	W L T P	Lane's Blue Falcons	1 8 2 4
Morassi's Rockets	9 1 0 18	Walsh's Orange Crush	1 9 0 2

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PIONEER VALLY SOCCER - from Page 44..**U13 Girls - "Agawam Lightning"**

The Agawam Lightning play in the PVJSL Girls Under 13 First Division.

When the team began practicing this summer in preparation for the fall season, the girls dedicated themselves to improving their skills, playing hard, and having fun. They succeeded in these goals.

In addition, the team accomplished even more. The Lightning won first place in the Riverside Classic Tournament, held during the Labor Day Weekend in Agawam.

The Lightning captured first place in the regular season of the PVJSL, with a record of 11-1-2. To conclude the fall season, the Lightning won first place in the PVJSL Post-Season Tournament this past weekend, at Gateway Regional High School.

Once again, all members of the team contributed to the team's success. Throughout the fall, the team played with spirit and commitment. This article could go on for many pages to try to recapture the many highlights of the season.

A few special moments will be mentioned. In the semi-finals at the Post-Season Tournament, the team was forced to play without Sara Skolnick, the team center mid-fielder, who was injured in the last practice of the season.

Meghan Kelly stepped into that position, and brought zest and energy to the team. Megan Gloster played a strong goal and thwarted away any chances the opposing team, Wilbraham, may have had.

The Lightning scored on a sensational pass from Amanda Janik to Allison Siedlik, who took the pass at right wing, raced past the outside defender, avoided the goalie, and put the ball into the far corner of the goal for the score. The Lightning prevailed, 1-0, and went on to the finals against Amherst.

At the finals, Meghan Kelly, who was injured when playing against Wilbraham, tried to warm up for the game, but could not play. Katherine Bitzas went into the center mid-field position, played well, but was also injured and could not play the second half. Joanne Brignoli played the entire championship game in goal, and recorded a shut-out with many strong plays.

Megan Gloster made a fantastic play when she headed the ball out of our goal to save a score when she hustled back to help the defense, even though she was playing wing at the time. Amanda Janik scored both Agawam goals and played with zeal and fervor as she did throughout the season.

The goals were set up by strong passing from Allison Siedlik and Caitlin Foley. Both teams played well in the championship, but Agawam won, 2-0, to put the finishing touches on an extraordinary season.

The Lightning played TOGETHER and proved themselves to be a championship team by overcoming injuries, cold and windy weather conditions, and of course, the opposing teams.

The defense did not allow a goal and were exceptional. They were led by Bethany Reid at sweeper, Tory Lyons at center full-back, and Jen Miarecki and Laura Pedersen at outside full-backs.

The defense challenged every ball and were intense in their efforts. Rachel Keenan, Ashley Smith, Lina Moysis, and Caitlin Foley played half-back and were the catalysts for many offensive plays in the playoffs and throughout the season.

Amanda Janik was again dominant at striker and was the team's leader in enthusiasm and skill. Allison Siedlik showed why her nickname is "Sonic" because of her tremendous speed and effort. Meghan Ennis contributed strong play to the team despite her injuries.

Although Sara Skolnick was confined to being the team's cheerleader during the playoffs, she contributed greatly to the team's success during the season. Meghan Kelly, Megan Gloster, Katherine Bitzas, and Joanne Brignoli played various positions during the season, and were fantastic in all.

The Lightning played a total of 27 games this fall. They deserve some time off to rest and recuperate. The memories of the season and the friendships developed will last a long time. Now, if only the winter will be mild and the spring comes early so the next season can begin as soon as possible.

The team wishes to thank the parents for their continuing support and especially Dimitri Moysis and Don Smith for their expertise and time spent.

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U13 Agawam Lightning Take PVJSL Title

IN TOP PHOTO, members of the U13 Agawam Lightning following their 2-0 victory over Amherst in the Division I girls' Pioneer Valley Girls Soccer League final last Sunday at Gateway Regional High School. Back row - Coaches Scott Skolnick, Don Smith, and Dimitri Moysis. Middle row - Sara (Moose) Skolnick, Jennifer (Psycho) Miarecki, Meghan (Slick) Ennis, Tory (Taz) Lyons, Amanda (Mindy) Janik, Ashley (Smitty) Smith, Rachel (Rach) Keenan, Katherine (Bitz) Bitzas. Front row - Laura (The Rock) Pedersen, Bethany (Badger) Reid, Allison (Sonic) Siedlik, Joanne (Jo) Brignoli, Megan (Bam-Bam) Gloster, Meghan (Cuz) Kelly, Caitlin (Pebbles) Foley, and Pavlina (Beans) Moysis. IN PHOTO BELOW, the girls arrived for a season-ending dinner via limousine at E.B.'s Restaurant.

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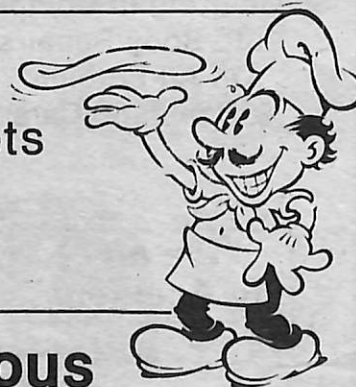
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Grouse and pheasant hunters are enjoying the traditional crisp autumn mornings as the dogs move through the fields and covers. What a great time to be alive and enjoying the outdoors.

Bay State archers are staked out in the woods, as the Massachusetts bow season on deer has opened. Early indications are that the herd is in great shape and a healthy harvest should result.

Our young springer, "Ollie," has had a good introduction to his first season as a bird dog. While hunting some open cover with my son, Todd, half a dozen pheasants appeared overhead and set down in the thick stuff.

It seems the state stocking truck had just released two boxes of birds. Limiting ourselves to just one bird, it was a great training session. He had a total of 11 finds before leashing him up.

With that many birds, I thought the dog's head was going to come unscrewed. It's impossible to practice catch-and-release when hunting, so be content with giving the dog a good workout and leave some for the other guys.

In local news, rumor has it that Don Loncto has bagged a nice moose. (Pictures next week.)

FISH REPORT

With so many of us spending most of our time out in the fields and woods during hunting season, fish reports are getting a little thin. Freshwater action can still be enjoyed in local lakes, providing your lure speed is geared to the cooler water temperatures.

Trout action continues to produce some decent fish as a result of the fall stockings. Bass action can provide some of the largest fish of the year.

Anglers are taking some real nice fish in Hampton Ponds and Congamond Lakes.

The salt water scene continues with the fall migration of stripers and blues beginning to peak. The Connecticut and Rhode Island areas are still giving up some cow bass and some gorilla-sized blues.

Action at the Race, especially at Race Rock, has been fairly consistent in the early morning and just before dusk. Flyrodders are having a ball with schoolie stripers at the rock and also inshore in rocky coves and inlets.

Surf fishermen are reporting a feast-or-famine situation. Migrating fish don't stick around all that long. Some days there are so many hookups that one needs to stop fishing and rest, while other days go blank.

Enjoy a glorious fall week and think safety while we all enjoy the weeks ahead in our great New England outdoors.

Agawam Warriors Win Final Game Of Fall Season

The Agawam Warriors won their final game of the season on Sunday, November 1st, in Holyoke. The Warriors upset the Knights, 20-0.

Agawam came out again with a strong ground game with the duo of Santinello and Toto running for 265 yards capped with an 80-yard run by Santinello, who was sprung by a great block from Kurt Schebel. Again the offensive line was key in the Warrior victory on a cold and windy day, as the HOGS — T Joe Digangi, G Jon Gibbons, C Anthony Bailey, G Jeff Walker, and T Sean Johnson — opened several large holes for the backs to run through.

The Agawam defense kept the Knights off-guard. The defense was led by defensive ends Jon Gibbons and Zack Bussiere, who both refused to let the Knights get outside and made several key tackles in the backfield.

NT Justin Stevens came up with a crucial QB sack to stall the potent Knight offense along with hard-hitting Ryan Pellerin (who made several tackles along with Kyle Perry from the Safet position).

The Warrior offense was directed by QB Andrew Wakelee, who hooked up with E Ryan Pellerin on a key conversion early in the game.

The junior Warriors' future offense took over in the third quarter, directed by QB Joe McDyer. With a backfield consisting of Zack Bruneau and Nick Lovotti, this offense continued to move the ball with some great blocking by Augue Gamelli, Mike Theriault, Max vonOssenbrugen, Scott Setembro, and Ryan McLane.

The junior Warriors would like to thank the A.Y.F.L. Board of Directors, Mr. Bill Menard (game announcer), the coaches, parents, and fans for all of their support during the 1998 season.

Angelina Conniff Playing Well For MacDuffie School

The MacDuffie School girls' field hockey team has taken the Connecticut Independent School Athletic Conference (CISAC) title.

Top scorers included Feeding Hills resident Angelina Conniff, class of 2003.

The MacDuffie School is now in contention for the Girls' School League Championship and may also make the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) small school playoffs.

The MacDuffie School is a co-educational, college preparatory, day school educating students in grades six through 12.

Program Slated On Adult Involvement In Organized Kids' Sports

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that Bob Bigelow will be speaking on the very timely subject of adult involvement in organized youth sports - "Adults and Children in Organized Sports: Who Wins, Who Loses?" His presentation will take place at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Bigelow is one of the foremost lecturers in the country regarding the needs of children in youth sports and using common sense approaches to meet those needs.

He is a former NBA first-round draft choice and four-year player. He played collegiately at the University of Pennsylvania for Hall of Fame Coach Chuck Daly.

Bigelow has devoted several thousand hours researching and lecturing about organized youth sports and its effects on children and adults. Since 1992, he has conducted over 200 talks throughout the Northeast.

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This program is free and is open to all parents, coaches, and youth organizations in Agawam. The Recreation Department encourages any adult involved in youth sports to attend.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

Youth Floor Hockey To Be Sponsored By Ag. Parks Dept.

Agawam Parks & Recreation and Games & Lanes will co-sponsor "Youth Floor Hockey" beginning Monday, November 23rd.

Teams will include boys and girls, ages eight through 13 and co-ed leagues for ages eight through 10 and 11 through 13.

The season will include eight games and playoffs. Team shirts will be supplied. Participants must supply their own equipment.

Cost is \$50 per participant. Sign-ups will be held at Games & Lanes, Walnut St., Agawam on Monday, Nov. 9th and Tuesday, Nov. 10th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Trophies and a league pizza party will be held at the end of the season.

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Ricky Miller Wins 100-Lapper In Riverside Park Season Finale

James Williams Captures His First-Ever Career Victory In 75-Lap SK Modified Feature

Ricky Miller of Agawam outlasted a star-filled NASCAR Modified field to win the 100-lap feature on November 1st at Riverside Park Speedway.

Miller, who also captured the 150-lap Modified feature at Riverside Park on September 5th, stayed ahead of Chris Wenzel of Holyoke on a "green white checker" finish to take down the victory.

Other winners from the inaugural Enfield Pontiac 400 were Danbury, Connecticut's James Williams, who captured his first-ever career victory in the 75-lap SK Modified feature, Pro Stock ace Chuck Docherty of Springfield in the 75-lap Pro Stock feature, and Mike Duquette of Northampton in the 20-lap Truck feature. Also in action were the "Outlaw" Late Models, and 1998 Thompson Speedway Late Model Champion Dennis Boticello of Suffield, Connecticut captured the win.

The Sportsman, Super Stocks, Outlaw Mini Stocks, and Seekonk Speedway's 4-Cylinder Trucks rounded out the program, and Ed Charette, Norm Ashline, 1998 Riverside Park Mini Stock Champion Cheryl Reilly and Joe Lemay captured wins in their respective divisions.

With a \$28,800 purse up for grabs, 28 NASCAR Modifieds lined up to take the green flag, including Jamie Tomaino, Ted Christopher, Jimmy Broderick, Chris Kopec, Charlie Pasteryak, Dan Avery, Reggie Ruggiero, Tony Hirschman, Mike Ewanitsko, and Ed Flemke, Jr.

With Enfield Pontiac as the primary sponsor of the nine-division event, many people would have been pleased to see a Pontiac in Victory Lane - the Les Care Kitchens Pontiac of Ruggiero, that is. As the all-time winningest driver at "The Park," Ruggiero has always been a fan favorite and the Rocky Hill, Connecticut driver did not disappoint. After starting 11th, Ruggiero charged to the front and powered his way into the lead on a lap 25 restart.

Ruggiero, who captured the Pepsi 200 at Riverside Park on March 29th to open up the NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series season, made negotiating the tricky 1/4-mile oval look easy for the next 46 laps until he suffered mechanical problems and was forced to withdraw from the race. Miller inherited the lead and never looked back, taking the checkered flag ahead of Wenzel, Tomaino, Dave Berghman, and Christopher in fifth place.

Christopher, of Plainville, Connecticut, was one of several drivers to compete in multiple events on the chilly afternoon, and put up a good fight behind Williams in the 75-lap SK Modified feature. Williams needed every ounce of driving ability he possessed to hold off the hard charging Christopher in the final laps before taking down his first career victory ahead of Christopher, Jamie Asklar, Jeff Malave, and Todd Ceravolo in fifth.

DAVID DEERY ANNOUNCED AS NEWS DIRECTOR: At a press conference prior to the Enfield Pontiac 400, Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski announced he would be leaving Riverside Park to take an administrative position with NASCAR in Daytona Beach, Florida. Lewandoski will be working on special projects for the NASCAR Winston Racing Series. David Deery, of Rockford, Illinois, was introduced as the new Director of Auto Racing. Deery comes to Riverside Park from Rockford Speedway in Rockford, Illinois, where he was employed as General Manager. Deery was expected to begin his new appointment on November 2, 1998.

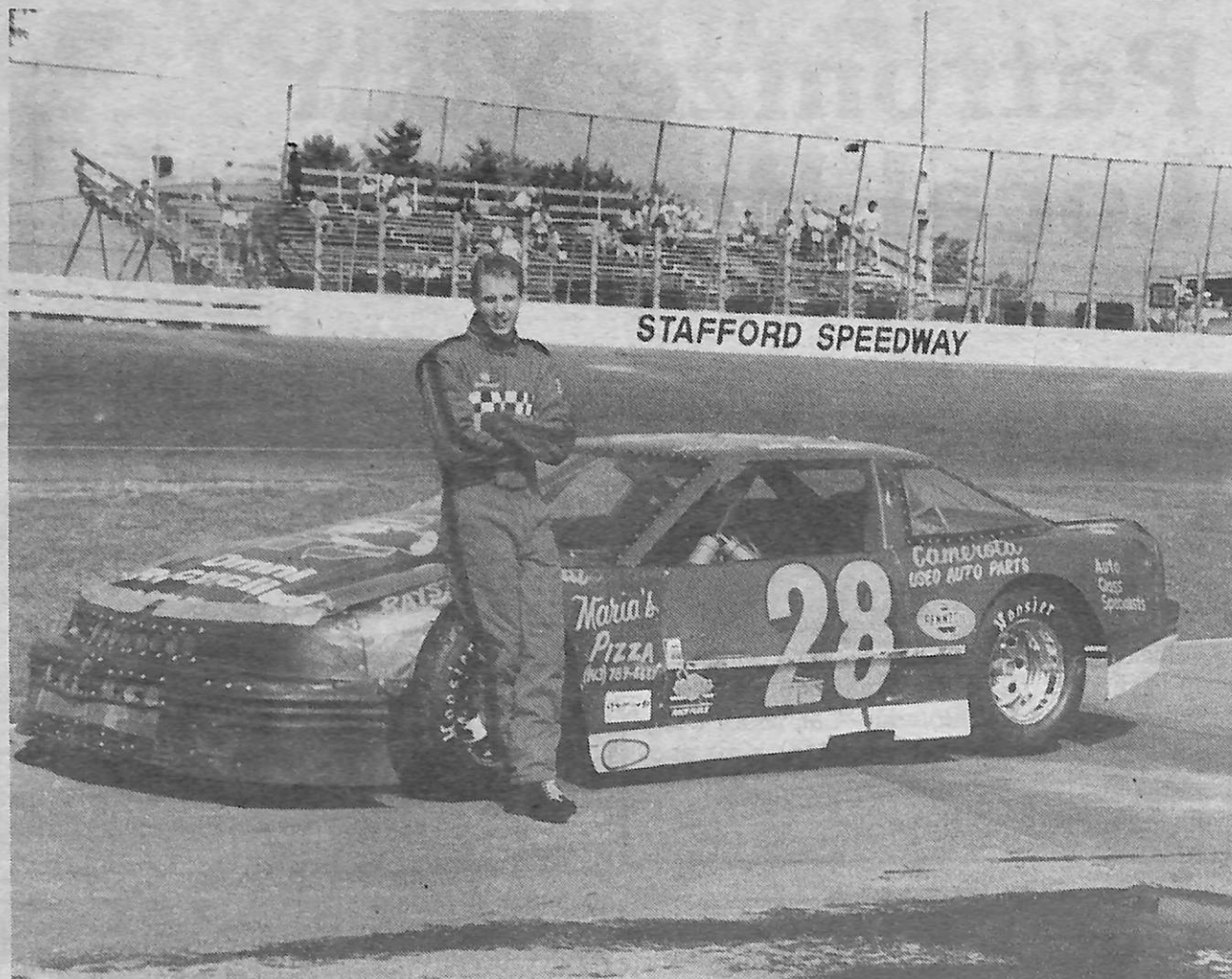
Stephanie Fleming Helps Assumption To Northeast 10 Finals

1998 Agawam High graduate Stephanie Fleming helped the Assumption College women's field hockey team to the title game of the Northeast-10 Conference vs. Bentley College on Saturday, October 31st.

Despite the 5-0 setback, Assumption sports a 16-4 record and is heading into the ECAC post-season tournament being hosted by Bentley College. Assumption is scheduled to face Longwood from Virginia in the opening round.

Fleming, a two-time All-Western Mass. player for the Brownies, scored five goals and tallied eight assists for a total of 23 points in her freshman year at Assumption.

She is the daughter of Jim & Sheryl Fleming of Feeding Hills.



MARK ANDERSON OF FEEDING HILLS (pictured above) held an impressive point advantage over his nearest rookie competitor during his first season in Stafford Motor Speedway's Pro Stock Division.

Mark Anderson Named "Rookie Of The Year" In Stafford's Pro Stock Division

Mark Anderson of Feeding Hills was named "Rookie of the Year" in the Stafford Motor Speedway Pro Stock Division for 1998.

Throughout his first Pro Stock season, Anderson maintained an impressive point advantage over his nearest rookie competitor.

Anderson's fifth-place finish in the annual Stafford Fall Final clinched an overall ninth-place standing out of a field of 30 competitors for the 1998 Pro Stock season.

Quite an accomplishment for a rookie driver. Anderson acknowledges his accomplishments to a great team effort. Crew chief Grant Ford wore many different hats, from part car-owner, brake and tire set-up man, to a calm voice of direction at the other end of the headset during the race.

Crew members included Agawam residents Pete Sadowski, Carl Mooch, Rick Birk, Steve Clini, and Don Anderson (Mark's dad). The crew worked

many long hours and several nights, even replacing an engine two days before a race. The crew also provided great pit stops.

"Sponsoring is a must," Anderson said. "Without them, it would be financially impossible to afford to race each week. Tires must be purchased weekly at a cost of over \$100 each. Brakes and engine parts need continual replacement and repair and body work is always a weekly factor."

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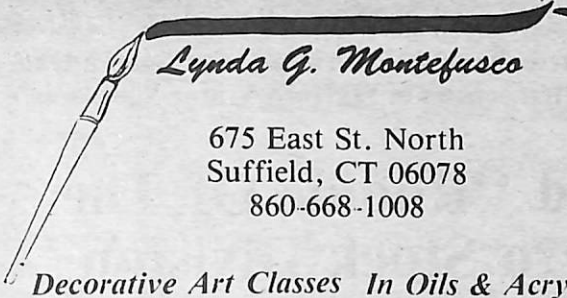
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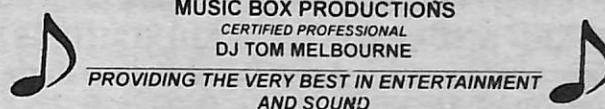
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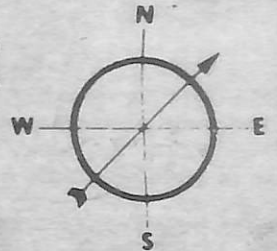
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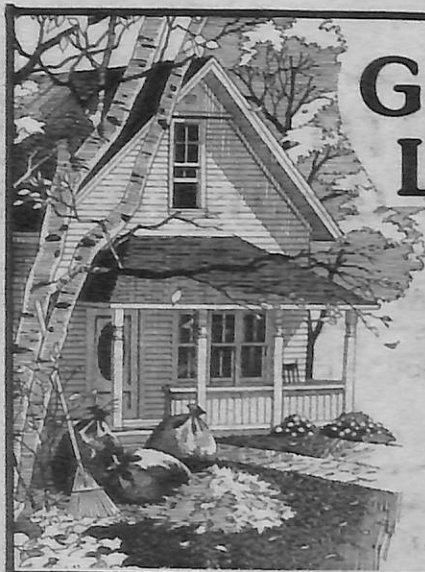
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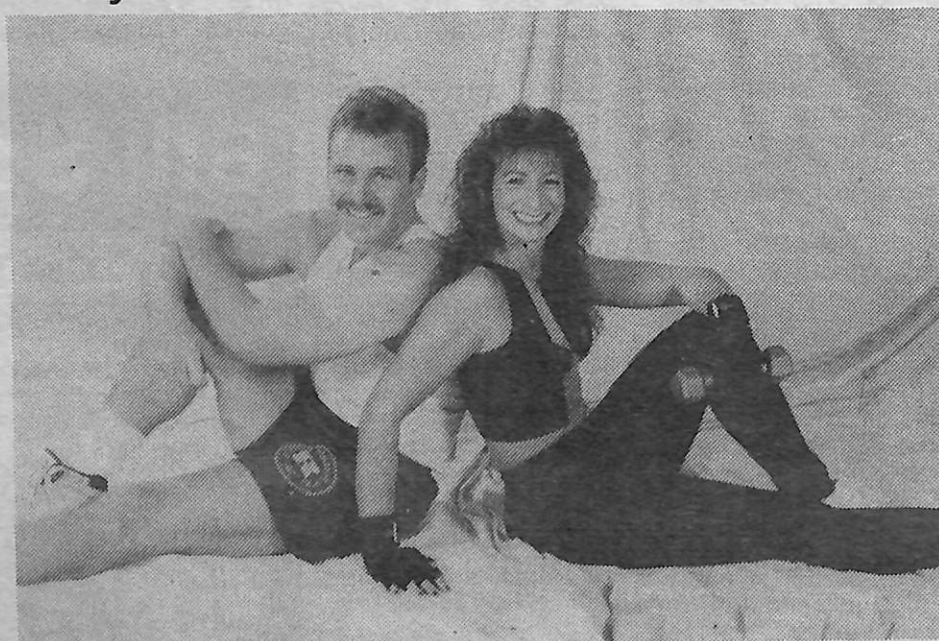
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